

COMMUNITY CHEST BUDGET GOES OVER TOP

Oil Field Work Is Yet Tied Up By Freezing Weather

300 DERRICKS IN WORTHAM AREA ONLY A FEW RUNNING

There are 292 derricks up or going up in the Wortham oil field in addition to the 8 producers, giving the month old oil districts an even 300 operations.

The weather man put practically all activity on the standstill. High prices were being bid Saturday for derrick men and others, with few takers, as high as \$25 per day being offered.

Of the 292 derricks, five or more are listed as being temporarily abandoned.

17 wells are at various depths below 2500 feet and under more favorable weather conditions, all would have set casing this week and probably three of them would have been added to the completed column of producers.

The E. L. Smith Edwards 1, south offset to the Penn McCorkle 1 was to have been cased in Saturday but was shut down for gas. It is expected to be completed Monday at the very latest, as it is to a depth of 3015 feet and in a very rich oil sand.

The Pure Oil Company bailed the casing at 2841 and is due to be brought in as soon as weather permits. The company's number 2 Boulds has set cement, the bottom of hole being 2841.

The Rio Bravo Company's H. & T. C. 1 is drilling in, or will be weather permitting, in a few hours.

NEGRO LOOSES THREE FINGERS IN MACHINERY

J. C. Cornelius, colored, an employee of the Manger Oil and Cotton Company had his left hand caught in the machinery about twelve o'clock Friday night at the mill, and was rushed to the hospital. Three fingers had to be removed from his left hand, but otherwise he was not injured.

THREE DEAD IN TEXAS COLD WAVE

(By United Press) DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—With three dead and many injured, the record cold wave held North and Central Texas in an icy grasp again today.

Sub-zero temperatures prevailed throughout the Southwest. Two died here from burns and a score slipped on icy pavements and were injured.

A Fort Worth motorist, blinded by sleet, drove his car through a bridge and was killed. A companion was perhaps fatally injured.

Cloudy with little change in temperature was in prospect for late today.

Cold Snap Is Cause of Many Minor Fires

The Fire Department answered a call from Jay's Cafe Saturday morning when the partition was burned out in the rear of the cafe on the West side, next to the barber shop. The blaze was extinguished by the use of chemicals.

About three o'clock Saturday afternoon they were again called out to answer a call on the south end of Bellam street when the flue in the home of J. L. McGraw caught fire. It was not necessary to lay a line of hose in either instance.

BORN TO MRS. AND MRS. C. B. MCGOWAN

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McGowan of South Sherman street are the proud parents of a ten and quarter pound son. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Miss Margaret Moore of Texarkana is visiting her sister Mrs. E. F. Hamlin in this city.

C. P. Stewart of Dallas was here Saturday.

State-wide Hunt Is Under Way To Chase Down Bandits

(By United Press) VALLEY VIEW, Texas, Dec. 20.—A statewide manhunt was underway today for bandits who looted two Valley View banks and fired the town early yesterday.

Police throughout the state were on the lookout for the raiders who, they believe, were led by Otto Starr, daring Texas desperado.

Poses returned empty handed to Valley View today, their search halted by the biting cold.

Meanwhile Valley View took stock of damage wrought by fire and robbery.

Joint cash loss of the two banks—The First National and First Guaranty State—was \$12,500 cash and \$100,000 in notes and securities.

Ten buildings were destroyed by fire, with a loss estimated at \$150,000. Steps looking to reconstruction were to be taken this afternoon.

As the bandit hunt extended over the state Ardmore, Okla., police reported they had arrested a man who was drunk and had more than \$1200 in his possession.

At the same time police of Dallas and Fort Worth began a general roundup of police characters, believing, they said, that the bandits had gone to either city.

Christmas Tree By Salvation Army At Cent'l Presbyterian

The Salvation army is responding to many calls for aid in this season, but while attending to all calls, Envoys Hamilton is going ahead with his plans for the children who otherwise might be forgotten. He stated Saturday that the tree would be given Christmas night at the Central Presbyterian church. Many have signified their intention to give something to the cause and Envoys Hamilton stated that if all clubs and others who are to share in this gift will let him know the amount of their offering Monday it will help him in completing arrangements. Santa is on the corner every night.

Students Returning Home Snow-Bound

(By United Press) DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—A Katy special carrying hundreds of college students returning home for the holidays arrived in Dallas twelve hours late, due to snow storms and zero weather in Missouri and Kansas. The passengers report little hardships. The train was heated and supplies of food were on hand.

SEVENTH FIRE IN THIRTY-SIX HOURS

The Fire Department responded to an alarm at 610 East Carthage about 6:35 Saturday night, making the seventh run within less than thirty six hours. This is a record breaking for the local Department; the prevailing cold wave is given as the cause of so many dangerous fires, but so far none of these have resulted in any real damage, with the exception of the Boule Hotel and three negro houses last night. No damage was done at the Murray home, as the fire was extinguished before it could spread.

COLD WAVE BRINGS SUFFERING AND DEATH IN MANY PLACES THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES

(By United Press) CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—At least 19 were killed as the result of sub-zero weather centering in the midwest and southwest.

Four were killed in Wisconsin, three in Oklahoma, three in Texas, two in Illinois, two in Michigan, one in Missouri and one in Kansas.

Deaths were due to fires, overheated stoves, falls, traffic accidents and exposure.

SERIOUS DAMAGE TO COMMUNITY BY BLUNDER OF RUMOR

Rumors continued to be heard in Mexia Saturday about a boy freezing to death here Thursday night. For hours Friday, the News went to every source reasonably sure to have heard of such an occurrence and failed to find anyone who could report anything but hearsay. Saturday morning, in cafes and on street corners and other places, the statement was frequently made that the boy had really died, despite the report in the paper. It was always someone else who had seen it, however, rather than the party speaking. Several hours were spent by every member of the News editorial and reporter staff trying to get at the heart of the secret and in this was given the help of Mayor Ernest Watson, Chief of Police Mac, Chamber of Commerce Director, F. P. Huchingson who is also H. & T. C. station agent; J. K. Hughes another director of the Chamber of Commerce and others. The matter was considered seriously by everyone of them, realizing that it was not only hurtful to the city but a reflection in a way on the citizenship as a whole. All these efforts failed to find anything more than the rumor. If anyone knows for sure what he is talking about he will do a great favor to all authorities and to The News reading public by giving his information to the Mayor or to Chief Mac.

Mayor Watson stated Saturday afternoon that at the City Hall provisions had been made for the unable to find shelter anywhere else. Twenty-six slept in that place Friday night, Chief Albert Mac verified. A big fire is kept going there all the time and those that have no other place to go are even welcomed there. Agent Huchingson at the S. P. station says that when the doors are closed there that if there are any who are waiting for the purpose of warming or spending the night there that the porter is sent with them to the big room and warm fire at the City Hall.

Those hearing these menacing and serious rumors are urged to help in quelling reports so hurtful or if he knows anything go and speak out.

The Salvation Army is having many calls but is responding to all and through the generosity of J. K. Hughes the announcement is made that if there are any in the Mexia community who are suffering from lack of fuel that all they have to do is to go to the coal yard and get enough to carry them through this cold spell. J. K. Hughes will foot the bill. There is no need of anyone being without coal under this arrangement.

Mayor Watson thanked Mr. Hughes earnestly for his interest in the matter and scores of other citizens here by putting over community chest for charity and other needs have shown that this is a city with a heart.

MUSCLE SHOALS TO BE STUDIED

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A proposal to refer the Muscle Shoals to a commission for study is gaining ground was announced today at the White House.

The sections are struggling with the task of clearing the tangle of broken telephone and telegraph wires restoring communication and train service.

The storm dropped to Ohio where temperatures shivered 40 degrees. Nearly all of Illinois is isolated thousands stranded at St. Louis on account of poor train service.

Property damage will run into the millions.

Home Owners Are Fortunate This Winter

Those who own their homes in Mexia have realized during the past forty-eight hours just what the renter might be up against if he were asked to vacate during the blizzard.

Real estate men are using this as a very effective argument to the man who is able and who yet puts off the eventual necessity of buying a home for himself and family. As a result of the salesmanship of Mexia's realty brokers, it is expected that a very active real estate market will result immediately after the holidays, especially in view of the fact that prices are in almost every instance normal.

Homes, very elegantly furnished and appointed, are on the market for less than they actually cost to construct while there are enough vacant building lots to supply a population of several additional thousands and inhabitants should the spaces all be filled up, and without extending or opening additional residential areas.

Humble Has Big Campaign On In Wortham Field

The Humble Oil and Refining company is engaged in an intensive drilling campaign in the Wortham field which already accounts for about 60 operations. The company has two drilling wells and a derrick on the Crouch; three on the Finch; two on the Ferguson; ten on the Lindley; and seven on the Lizzie Manning et al; nine on the Crouch; one on the Davis; four on the Dodd; two on the Edwards; seven on the two Poincote tracts; five on the Roy Simmons; and four on the Stabbs.

Humphreys Is Off For the Holidays

Colonel and Mrs. A. E. Humphreys left Saturday afternoon for Denver, where they will spend the Christmas holidays. On January 2, the Colonel will return, soon after which the meeting of stockholders of the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company will be held either at Mexia or at Dallas.

Due to the heavy drilling campaign now being conducted in the Humphreys Boyd Company in the Wortham field, he will be anxious to get back.

In addition to the four producers now in, the company has about sixty drilling operations or operations that will soon be going. The three partners of the company on the Simmons lease have been sending 1,000 barrels hourly to storage with pressure on, during the cold spell. Early completions expected by the company are the Simmons 2 and 5 and the Manning 1, which should be in before Christmas day.

To take care of the many drilling operations, the Humphreys Boyd Company has fortified itself against a water shortage by six different water projects. The sixth contract was made the latter part of this week with the Mexia Country Club for water from its lake on the country club grounds South of Mexia about two miles.

OAK CLIFF WINS.

The Oak Cliff Leopards swamped the Waco high eleven in the finals for state championship, at Dallas Saturday afternoon by the score of 31 to 0. The game was played in the biting cold wind, spectacular playing was almost impossible, although many passes were attempted on each side.

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WHITE CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A white Christmas is forecast for the United States by the weather bureau today. It is reported that there will probably be cold weather in every portion of the country except the extreme west and south.

DISCHARGED MAN SHOOTS UP A SHOE STORE TWO DEAD

(By United Press) ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—Two persons are dead and two others are dying here today following a shooting rampage in the downtown business section by Edward O. Riordan.

Crazed because he had been recently discharged from his job, Riordan entered the Fred S. Stewart shoe store, shot and killed Stewart, wounded two employees and then killed himself.

S. R. Turner and H. E. Maddux, employees shot by Riordan, were reported near death today and physicians held little hope for their recovery.

Riordan had been advertising manager for Stewart's store and was dismissed last Saturday night by Turner, the manager.

Police said he had been drinking prior to the shooting.

W. H. Hallowford Injured at Currie Friday Night

W. H. Hallowford was painfully but not dangerously injured on the Dounds tract near Currie about 10:30 or eleven o'clock Friday morning when an elevator fell about twenty five feet, striking him on the head and knocking him unconscious.

His face was cut to the bone down across his forehead, lip and nose were split open. He was brought to Mexia in the John R. Corley Company ambulance and placed in the Pure Oil Company hospital. Reports Saturday were that the injured man is getting along alright and will be able to be back on the job as soon as the wounds are healed, as it is not thought his skull is affected.

BAG OF CANDY AND PRAYER BOOK FOUND ON MURDERED YOUTH

(By United Press) PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20.—A bag of candy and a prayer book was all that police had to try to solve the identity of a youth found murdered in a coffee house here. He had been dead eighteen hours with his hands folded over the prayer book. The proprietor of the coffee house was arrested and a truck load of liquor was confiscated.

MAN IS RUSHED TO DALLAS FOR OPERATION

Harry Stewart, an employee of the Humble Oil and Refining company, at work at the new Wortham pump station two miles Southeast of Wortham. Had an acute attack of appendicitis shortly after midnight Friday night. He was rushed to Wortham in the J. I. Riddle Company ambulance where he was put on the early morning train and sent to the Baptist Sanitarium at Dallas.

THE WEATHER

TEXAS.—Cloudy with rising temperature Sunday.

REV. W. B. ANDREWS SPEAKS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXERCISE

By CHARLES WOFFORD. On Dec. 19th, the students of Mexia High School were called to a most unusual assembly in the auditorium. Professor R. M. Andrews made a few announcements and introduced the Glee Club. He then introduced Rev. W. B. Andrews who conducted the devotional exercises.

The first number of the Glee Club was "Silent Night, Holy Night," the second was "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Jessie Mae Sherrer and Mrs. E. M. Strange, as the directress. Both songs added praise to the Glee Club.

and it is now one of its favorites of all the students.

Rev. W. B. Andrews' subject was: "What Christmas Is and How It Should Be Spent." He stressed that it is better to give than to receive, and as a whole his sermon was very interesting and appealed to all present.

At the end of the program there was an announcement made that school was dismissed for the Christmas Holidays and Professor Andrews bid them all a merry Christmas and happy new year, and wishes them an excellent time until the end of the Holidays on January 5th, 1925.

(CHARLES WOFFORD.)

WOMACK PRESENTS CHRISTMAS GIFT OF \$650.00 TO CAUSE; GIFTS ARE YET ENCOURAGED

With the receipt of \$650.00 coming as a Christmas gift from Jack Womack to the Mexia Community Chest the budget of \$800.00 needed for Charity, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and the Public Library and certain other objects was taken care of for the coming year according to the estimate made before the beginning of the campaign. Mr. Womack leads the list as the largest single contributor. In addition the following citizens have contributed five hundred dollars or over: J. K. Hughes, Blake and E. L. Smith, J. Des-enberg and Nussbaum, and Col. A. E. Humphreys. Many other firms and individuals have contributed just

as liberally in proportion to their ability. The large amounts are necessary to realizing the total but the committee appreciates just as much the smaller gifts coming from hundreds of men, women and children.

Let it be clear that although the total amount has been subscribed not all subscriptions have been paid and it will be necessary for all who have subscribed to pay their obligations to carry on the work. Also it should be understood that this budget was estimated and the campaign begun before the beginning of the boom and the demands now are much greater than before. With the coming of the cold weather there have been many calls for relief and it is advisable for all pledges to be taken care of now.

The Advisory Board is called to meet Monday morning at ten thirty at Jess McLeod's real estate office and take up the matter of apportioning and disbursing the funds.

Rev. Aubrey, leader of the campaign for the funds states that the response received has been splendid. Much praise is due the business men and women who gave their time and energy in collecting the funds, as well as all those who have given of their money.

Especially does the committee appreciate the assistance rendered by Mr. W. K. Boyd in giving free advertising and Garland Adair in providing liberal publicity to the campaign for The Mexia Daily News.

Those who have been overlooked are urged to contribute, although the budget is in sight because of the conditions which exist growing out of the boom, having arisen since the original plans were made.

Another chapter has been written in the building of a greater Mexia. Although working night and day our city has not been too busy to make provisions for its children and the poor and needy.

I. C. C. Asked For Fair Rates

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A favorable report on transport facilities on the Mississippi river rivers operated by inland water ways corporation and proposed expenditure of \$5,000,000 was made by the corporation advisory board to the secretary of war today. The board recommends that the Interstate Commerce Commission be requested to determine a fair and equitable rate, water rates through St. Louis, Vicksburg, Birmingham, and New Orleans to points in North Texas.

VETERANS SHOULD APPLY FOR COMPENSATION NOW

Z. Rochelle, Adjutant of the Nowlin Post of the American Legion, urges that all veterans who have not applied for their adjusted compensation or for hospitalization should do so before the close of the month. It is necessary that this should be done. Local post officials will gladly help any soldier needing aid in making the applications. Owen F. Watkins is Post Commander.

S. E. Morgan was here from San Antonio Saturday.

AUSTIN EXPERIENCES NEAR ZERO WEATHER

(By United Press) AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 20.—Near zero weather prevailed in this section of the State today as the force of the season's fiercest cold wave swept southward. Streets and sidewalks were coated with ice here today and a light skiff of snow fell during the night. Temperatures in this section ranged from 10 to 1 degrees above zero, reports here indicated.

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FEWER FAILURES IN 1924 THAN WERE IN 1923

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—There were 120 less business failures in 1924 than in 1923, the Dallas branch of Bradstreet's reported today. The failures last year were 395 and this year they were 275.

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FLURRY RUMOR OVER RETURN OF AMBASSADOR

By JOHN DE GANDT, United Press Staff Correspondent. PARIS, Dec. 20.—Leonid Krassin's proposed trip to Moscow next month has stirred up a flurry of rumors and denials in which friends and enemies of Russia are joining with a will.

After an anti-Soviet newspaper declared the Russian Ambassador was to leave next week and be gone indefinitely because negotiations scheduled for January have been postponed, the Embassy issued an official communique:

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Program at Central Presbyterian Church For Sunday Evening

The following program will be given at the Central Presbyterian church Sunday night. Everybody is invited to attend this church service.

Evening Program
7:00 p. m.

Prelude: "Desir D'Amour", Norris.

Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

Prayer.

Scripture lesson.

Antiphon: "Sing Praises unto the Lord"—Gounoud.

Violin solo (a) "Canto Amoroso, Mische Elman; (b) "Chant Negri".

Cramer—Miss Louella Simmons, of Coolidge.

Pastorale Solo: "There is a Song in the Air", Speaks—Rev. V. K. Aubrey.

Offertory—"Devotion"—Mater.

Soprano Solo: "O Night Divine".

March—Mrs. L. H. Hoston.

Reading: "The Angels and the Shepherds"—Mrs. V. K. Aubrey.

Antiphon: "Sleep Holy Babe," by Dykes.

Soprano Solo: "Bethlehem Star".

Stevens—Mrs. F. M. Strange.

Antiphon: "Joy to the World"—Wilson.

Postlude: "Mazurka Noble," on-taine.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Central Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

"A Friendly Church"

North McKinney and East Carthage

Rev. Victor K. Aubrey, Minister.

Mrs. E. M. Strange, Music Director.

Miss Ruth Finch and Mrs. Wyatt Hayter, Pianists.

Morning Service 10 A. M.

Prelude: "Polish Mazurka", Kern

Mrs. Wyatt Hayter.

Hymn 210: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"—Stanzas 1, 2, 3.

Scripture Lesson.

Prayer.

Response: "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Christmas Program by Children—"Under the Star"

Receiving the Gifts

Offertory: "Shubert's Serenade"—Mrs. Hayter.

Hymn 35—"Come, Thou Almighty King"—Stanzas 1, 2, 4.

Vernon: "The Christmas Splendor"

—Rev. Aubrey.

Christmas Carol—Mrs. E. M. Strange.

Prayer.

Postlude: "Elevation," Floerschheim

—Mrs. Hayter.

Announcements

Christmas Eve program and treat for the children and everybody Wednesday, 7:15 p. m.

The School of Missions on China begins the first Wednesday evening in January. Order your book and enrol now.

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT

The following new civil cases were filed in the office of the District Clerk during the week ending December 19:

5153-B Lemuel Rogers vs. Eula Rogers.

5154-B Annis Greyson vs. Wayne Greyson.

5155-B Ruby Echols by text friend vs. Humble Oil & Ref. Co.

5156-B Exparte Louise Crouch.

5157-B Besse Wallow vs. Gertus Wallow.

5158-B Tempe E. Wilcoxson vs. R. Wilcoxson.

5159-V Robert Mims vs. Melvine Mims.

R. L. Evetts was a business visitor from Dallas Friday.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS.

NEW YORK—In an 8-round preliminary to the Martin-Goldstein bout, Carl Tremaine of Cleveland, beat Sonny Smith of Brooklyn, nearly stopping the local boy.

NEW YORK—Frankie Genaro, American flyweight champion underwent an operation for removal of his tonsils yesterday.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Frankie Nell, who won the bantamweight championship in 1905, is dead here of pneumonia.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—Harry Ryan, Dallas, beat Johnny Simpson, San Antonio welterweight, in twelve fast rounds here last night.

NEW YORK—Johnny Farrell, champion medal golfer of 1924, is home from Florida for the holidays with a \$1,000 bill he won by driving from the Tampa mainland to Davis Island in Tampa Bay. The wallop carried 310 yards. Duncan, Mitchell and Cruickshank failed.

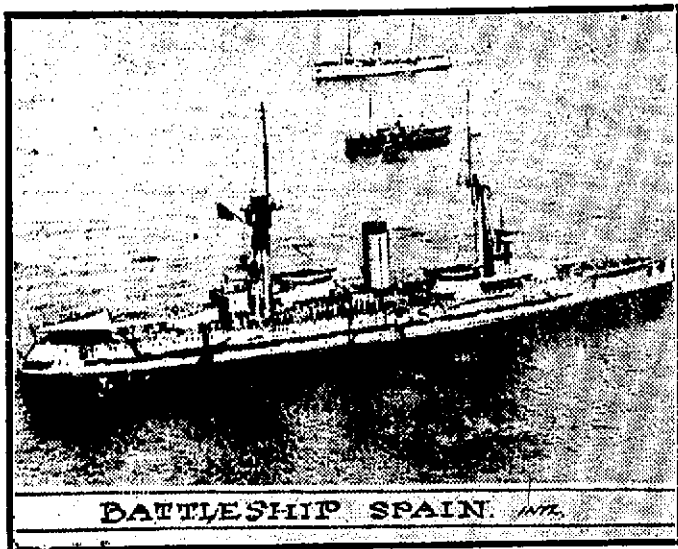
I. O. O. F.

Meets every Tuesday night in 3rd floor of E. L. Smith Bldg.

Visitors welcome.

John Bales, N. G., F. W. Evens, Sec.

FINEST SPANISH BATTLESHIP LOST.



The newest and finest Spanish battleship, Spain, operating with the Spanish forces in Morocco, stranded on the coast of North Africa at Cape Tres Forcas. Attempts to pull her off were unsuccessful, and she has been abandoned, totally wrecked by a subsequent storm.

MRS. C. WILLIAMS DIES AT PRAIRIE GROVE

Mrs. Cedonia Williams, a long time resident of the Prairie Grove community died at that place Friday afternoon at eight o'clock. The deceased has many relatives and friends in the Prairie Grove neighborhood who mourn the passing of this good woman.

Funeral services took place there Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. J. I. Riddle Undertaking Company had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Hugh Adamson will return to Mexia Saturday night from the State University to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

SCOTLAND'S FAVORITE STARS COMING TO THE OPERA HOUSE MONDAY

The Stuart's Scotch Revue which opens a three day engagement at the Opera House Monday is composed of dancers and songs by that bevy of dainty Scotch lassies who attract so much attention with their snappy music on the streets. This act brings roars of appreciative applause from the audience.

The singing of the "Mac" Stuart the big Scotchman is on a plane with the best of Scotch singing. The "petite" little drum major with her songs and snappy dancing is a hit. The dancing and singing of the entire act of six girls and Stuart is superb, and especially good are Mrs. Stuart's Scotch songs. And in addition to the above Lucile Seaymour's musical Revue will appear nightly beginning Monday night.

WORD FROM T. E. L. CLASS

We welcome all new people to our T. E. L. Class, Sunday, Dec. 21, at 9:45.

Subject: "The son of man came to seek and save that which was lost." Music, Director Rev. Joe Jeffers. Christmas carol—Mrs. Higgins.

Inspirational talk—Mrs. Joe Jeffers.

A home-like church, and you are welcome. —Reporter.

Woll Will Be Candidate To Succeed Gompers



MATTHEW F. WOLL

Matthew F. Woll, for many years prominent in American Federation of Labor circles, and one of the chief lieutenants of the late Samuel Gompers, will be a candidate to succeed Mr. Gompers as president of the American Federation, at its annual meeting in October.

C. S. Hutchinson was here from Houston Friday.

Brooklyn Manager To Have Operation

[By United Press] BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 20.—An operation will be performed today on Wilbert H. Robinson, manager of the Brooklyn baseball club of the National League, at Union Memorial hospital to relieve a condition resulting from pleurisy, which developed during a hunting trip in the South more than a month ago.

The operation was decided on Thursday after a conference of physicians. Dr. J. M. Tinney, Jr., will operate.

Robby, it was reported, spent a fairly comfortable day yesterday and was able to receive visits from members of his family.

FINED FOR RUNNING OVER FIRE HOSE

F. E. Poulsen was fined in the Police Station Friday night for running over a line of hose which had been laid for the fire on Denton. Fire Chief Pittman states that fines will be imposed upon every violator of this law.

CHAS. CLOVER BUYS CAMPBELL HOME

Chas. Clover has purchased the home of Miss Mary Campbell on North McKinney street. The transaction was made through the Jesse McLendon Real estate office.

Mrs. Aubrey Kindred has returned from Corsicana where she joined a family reunion commemorating the 93rd birthday of her grandmother.

James Riddle and Alex Bristow are expected to return from Castle Heights Military Academy at Lebanon, Tenn. Saturday night for the Christmas holidays.

R. M. Thompson was here from Dallas Saturday.

Geo. Beaumaster of Corsicana was here on business Saturday.

W. H. Parks of Wichita Falls was here Saturday.

Just received Saturday night a large shipment of Christmas Goods. See them Monday morning at Anderson & Horn's.

YES! You Can Get Your Christmas Goods in Mexia---

We returned from Dallas Friday where we purchased a nice assortment of Holiday Goods which will be on display by Monday noon.

RA (Dick) Wagner Co.

"If Used in the Office, We Sell It"
209 East Commerce Street

The Christmas Gift Supreme!

There may be gifts more costly, but to the music lover there is no gift that compares with that of a grand piano.

We are making special prices this week on all Miniature Grand Pianos of \$550.00.

Also special prices on Ivers & Pond Pianos of \$550.00.

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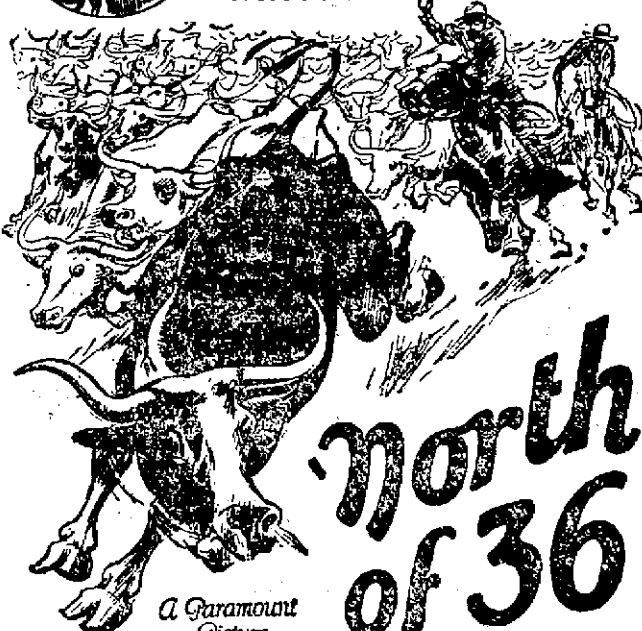
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Four Fires In One Day Is Record of Fire Dept. Friday

The cold wave has brought the Fire Department into action many times within the last few days. Friday broke the record for many months when four fires were recorded in one day.

The first came from in front of Cheever Brothers store about 6:55 Friday morning when a Ford car caught on fire while trying to be coaxed into starting, and the oil was burned off the motor, no further damage was done.

A two story garage and servant house belonging to Dennis Rankin, who lives on the Tongue road were destroyed by fire about 4:55 Friday afternoon.

One hour later a negro confectionery on Belknap street was burned out inside. The firemen kept the fire from getting outside the building and spreading.

At 11:30 Friday night the old Bonie Hotel and three negro shacks on Denton street were destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The firemen fought the blaze in a gripping nother and suffered extreme hardship for over four hours before the treacherous blaze was extinguished.

Huge fires are built inside many frail shacks around Mexia and once they become ignited they blaze up and are destroyed as if made of paper, so only caution can prevent many of the fires around this city during the cold snap.

JES' FORE CHRISTMAS

(Edgar A. Guest)
They're acting mighty funny up at our house nowadays,
They're different than they used to be an' changed in many ways;
Not long ago if I should want some toy upon a shelf,
They used to make me get a chair and hunt for it myself!
Las' night I wanted building blocks and went to get 'em, too,
An' three of 'em got up an' said, "I'll get 'em down for you."

I used to have to hunt for things that somehow went astray,
They let me open bureau drawers without a word to say;
Ma would sew, and sis would play, an' pa would read his book,
An' never think of gettin' from their chairs to help me look.
But las' night when I started in to find my 'lectric car
They all exclaimed, "We'll hunt for it; you stay right where you are!"

I've never known 'em be so kind in all my life before;
They'll jump to wait on me an' find the things I'm hunting for;
Although they used to grumble an' to say I was a pest,
I'm not a bother any more—but why, I haven't guessed;
I only know that when I want some toy that's on a shelf,
They're mighty quick to see that I don't hunt for it myself.

POSED AS WOMAN TO TRAP BOOTLEGGERS.



JOHN E. PARKER

Above are two views of City Marshal John E. Parker, of Gloucester, Mass., who posed for a year as a woman in a campaign against bootleggers throughout the New England States. His feminine wardrobe was complete to the last detail, and the "blonde vamp" lured scores of bootleggers to prison sentences. Occasionally, he fooled even the members of his own staff. At the left, Parker is shown as "Sally," a under which name he was known, and at the right he is posed with a bootlegger's whiskey container, showing how they transport their stock in trade.

NEVER FAST BEFORE YOU HAVE DINNER WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES

This is the advice of Roland Bottomley in the George Melford production "The Dawn of a Tomorrow" to be shown at the National Theatre Monday. Jacqueline Logan, David Torrence and Raymond Griffith are featured.

Bottomley was a member of the Prince of Wales' body-guard when the titled Englishman last visited this country.

"I was a member of the British Flying Corps," he relates, "and while waiting for demobilization, was selected as one of eight for the Prince's bodyguard. At a dinner at the Waldorf in New York City, we were to have a part in the ceremonies.

"A dinner with a prince! I believed we would eat from golden plates and dine sumptuously, so I fasted 21 hours waiting for the event. Well, it came. And at the dinner, the menu consisted of shrimp salad, a bit of breast of guinea, a dab of mashed potatoes, simple rice pudding and coffee."

"Later," adds Bottomley, "I ate a big steak at the corner restaurant."

NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Blue Sky law passed by our last legislature at the 2nd called session of H. B. No. 177 Chapter 52, page 114 et seq, makes it a felony for any person to violate any of the provisions of said act regulating the sale of stocks and bonds.

Said act is to prevent fraud in the sale and purchase of stock, stock certificates, bonds, debentures and other securities, and requires that a

permit for the sale of stocks, bonds, etc., be first procured from the Secretary of State.

Many of the people do not know that there is such a law, but there is and it is now in full force and effect.

I hope and believe our county papers will be kind enough to publish this notice for the benefit of the people. James Kimbell, Dist. Ctty. 77th Judicial Dist.

Miss Theo Monihan of Southern Methodist University at Dallas is to be a guest this Christmas season in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mayer of this place. Miss Monihan is a Kidd Key graduate and will receive her degree at S. M. U. next year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gambrell and little daughter Martha James of Tulsa, Okla., arrived in Mexia Friday night to spend the Christmas holidays with the parents of Mrs. Gambrell, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corley.

150-Foot Ruling In Oil Well Drilling Upheld by Court

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Owners of small lots in oil territory may not drill within 150 feet of the property line of another owner, according to the judgment of the district court at Seguin, news of which was brought here today by H. E. Bell, chief supervisor of the oil and gas division of the railroad commission.

The railroad commission brought suit against the Quick Development Syndicate, alleging that had violated rule 37 of the commission which requires oil well drillers to secure permission from the commission before sinking a well within the prescribed 150 feet. The judgment of the court, Mr. Bell said today, was that a perpetual injunction was issued against the syndicate and that the state be awarded a penalty as well.

Considerable interest, Mr. Bell said, had been indicated in the outcome of the case, especially in view of the claim of many owners of small lot leases in the town of Wortham that they had the right to drill for oil on their holdings without regard to the rules of the commission.

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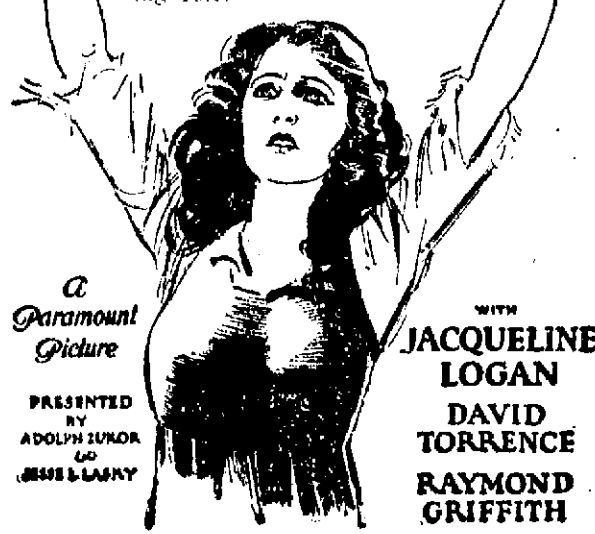
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GO TO CHURCH

Phil. 2:16—"Among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

What does the church stand for? So few people have any idea of what the church stands for, what its purposes are. The only idea they have of it is that it is a building or a place for women and children mostly to meet, have a few songs and prayers and read the word of God, after which the preacher gets up to deliver a sermon and that if they attend, they have done all that is required of them.

Here are some of the things the church stands for: The moral protection of the people, something as vital as physical protection itself; the education of the people (My people have perished for lack of knowledge.—Matthew 28:19-20.); and the civilization of the world, spreading the gospel of Him who when He came the angels sang "Peace on earth, good will to all men."

But if it stopped there it would fall far short of its greatest service for the church in its highest and noblest sense stands for the salvation of the world and it is the only institution that has this in view. "When the judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."—Isa. 26:9.

HOW TO VOTE

Why not an election day once in awhile in the school to give the coming voters a chance to practice the act of voting? A good subject for the pupils of the Grammar School would be to vote on names for these institutions here. "Cousins" has been suggested as the name for the Sumpter Street School and the McKinney Street school should also be named, just the same as the Dunbar School for the negroes.

Adults do not know any too much about how to vote. This has been proven in every election ever held in Mexia as well as everywhere else. In the recent road bond election where it looked like no one could possibly make a mistake two votes had to be thrown out and in previous elections the mistakes were far more numerous, resulting to the equivalent of disfranchisement, insofar as a say in the results was concerned. Everyone should know how to vote as well as for what to vote and whom to vote for. Ask any election official if his experience does not confirm this statement.

GOOD ROADS RECOMMENDATIONS

The passage of the \$150,000,000 appropriations for good roads recommended by the Senate Post Office Committee will be a long step in the great work of affording better facilities for the ever growing volume of four wheel transportation.

The citizens of Consolidated road district 4 have been concerned than usual about this recommendation due to their vote in favor of the \$1,571,000 good road bond issue which won such a glorious victory. The citizens therefore should drop a message to their Congressman and Senator and urge them to vote for the recommendation when it is brought up. The passage of the measure would provide a fund from which this Consolidated road district has a reason to believe it could receive far more money than the entire county or several counties would pay into it.

It would be impossible to exaggerate the Americanizing value of highways which bind communities, states and sections of the country together and send multitudes from one section into another or all sections as tourists.

Within the United States, we have an area which for diversified industry, varied scenery and genuine American interest affords a field for touring which is unrivaled and this part of Texas for many years to come will be a spot sought out by many a tourist. No industrial scene in the southwest is comparable to the oil fields of the Mexia Balcones fault of which Mexia is the center, not to speak of other magnificent attractions.

This in addition to that vast economic benefit which is conceded in good roads.

MR. MATSUDAIRA ARRIVES

Japan announces the appointment of Mr. Matsudaira as Ambassador to the United States.

He is to succeed Ambassador Hanihara who committed one of the grossest of diplomatic blunders when he announced that the passage by America of the Japanese exclusion act would mean "grave consequences." The U. S. did pass the measure, shutting the door in the face of the yellow men.

There was then left little else for his country to do but recall him. It created a condition in Washington where there was but little freedom of action. Some call his statement "foolish" and one of an impulsive gentleman, nevertheless there is every reason to believe that he might have let loose in this statement a treasured State Secret of Japan. There may have been more truth than poetry in what he said. Little did the fathers of the U. S. think ten years ago that they were raising up their boys to go to war with Germany. Japanese exclusion was one of the wisest moves in self defense that this country could have made.

Again The News calls attention to the fact that the season for Christmas shopping is drawing to a close. Mexia stores are displaying and advertising complete stocks. They have prepared to handle the growing volume of business here and early begin to do their part to make Christmas buying a pleasure. You can cooperate with them by not waiting until the last moment to make your selections and purchases. Not only will early shopping give the buyer a better opportunity to get just what he wants, but more important, it will make the days just before Christmas much more pleasant for the workers.

AN HONOR WORTHILY BESTOWED

The late meeting of the Texas Editorial Association at Galveston and Houston did a graceful thing in electing Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, editor of the Bryan Eagle as its second vice president. Mrs. Rountree is one of the best newspaper "men" in Texas, has the necessary number of years in the business to entitle her to membership in this association, which requires twenty years of service, and she has the pep and ability to hold the office and when her time comes to serve as president the association will have a competent head.

Let's shop more from ten to four.

Do your Christmas shopping now and make the holidays brighter for thousands.

When you pass along the street and see those Salvation Army barrels placed to take toys, clothing and anything else that will help brighten Christmas for "the forgotten children," won't you remember just what a little thoughtful act on your part will mean. A little bit of the Christmas spirit of generosity extended by many will add cheer to many a giftless home.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

MAKE MOTORING LESS DANGEROUS.

The automobile is one of the biggest factors in modern life. It speeds up business, cuts the cost of living, adds years to the lives of the people through promoting their health, broadens human horizons. It also slays men, women and children by the thousands. It is rapidly climbing the ladder of causes of premature human demise. It already has passed war as a slayer of men.

Regulation of automobile traffic and operation thus becomes one of the biggest problems before American municipal governments. For the automobile fatalities are in a few instances in fault of the machine. They are attributable to the "human equation" and therefore subjects of psychological and legal regulation.

When the automobile was but a little faster than the horse and very rare, legislatures largely controlled by the rural vote, regulated motor traffic on the basis of horse frightening. The emphasis was put on speed alone. And so the tradition has developed. Most of our so-called traffic regulation has been speed regulation, and speed is but one factor in the motor problem.

We are probably coming to a time when higher speeds, instead of being prohibited, will be forced. Road and street capacity will bring us to that.

Dallas has just avoided the cost of another million dollar viaduct by doubling the speed on the existing one.

It is safety, not necessarily slow speed, we must seek. Drivers should be required to pass an examination as to fitness, physical, mental and by training, for driving. Better traffic rules, mechanical signals, "dummy cops" at street intersections, rigid insistence of careful driving—these are the things that will make motoring safe for driver, passenger and pedestrian.

Two things noted in Fort Worth streets are worthy of the attention of those having to do with the making and enforcement of traffic laws:

1. There must be effective dimmer legislation. That is something the State legislature must attend to.

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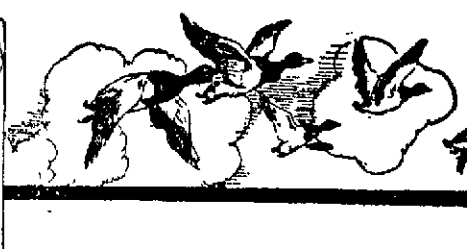
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Meanwhile motoring ethics ought to force every motor car owner to properly reduce the glare of his lights. Lives are being lost almost daily through glaring motor lights.

2. There must be regulation of the speed of motorcycle police and ambulances. The safety of the people is the paramount object of government. Reckless operation of motor vehicles and operation that endangers the

people has no foundation or right or law. The automobile is a great aid to mankind. In the hands of thoughtful, less, careless or lawless individuals

it is a menace. Public officials, motor manufacturers and distributors and motorists themselves should join to make motoring safe. —Editorial Fort Worth Record.

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THE MAJOR.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a conster wagon.
GUY FIFE.

Dear Old Santa:
I am just a little girl three years old. Please bring me a little piano, doll bed, little cedar chest and lots of fruit and nuts cause I can't eat candy.
Don't forget my little Buddy. Please bring him a little train with a track, and a horn that won't break and hurry up 'cause I want to kiss you Santa Claus. Lovingly,
CAROLYN LOFLAND.

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy 1 year and 3 months old, and I can talk. Santa bring me a rocky-horse and kid gloves, some tinkler toys, candy. Don't forget mother and dady and my little friends. Oodles of love,
LITTLE JUNE MATTHEWS

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WANTED one or two salesmen to sell pictures of Wortham oil field. Call at 219 E. Milam, call for Jack. 21X1

MALE HELP WANTED—50 pipe-

AT THE NATIONAL THEATER TOMORROW.



Jacqueline Logan and Raymond Griffith in a scene from the Paramount Picture "The Dawn of a Tomorrow" A George Melford Production.

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STOP, THINK, WORSHIP!

In the midst of the feverish scramble for money, should we not stop Sunday long enough to think and worship God at the First Methodist Church. It is Christmas Sunday. The pastor, Rev. W. B. Andrews, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Bring an offering for the orphanage at Waco. About 400 children there are dependent upon the Methodist church for food and clothing and training for future usefulness.

Emogene Smith who is attending Kidd Key at Sherman has returned to her home here for the Christmas season.

HIGH SCHOOL QUIN-TETTE WORKING OUT

The Mexia high school basket ball squad has been working out in the gym for the past two weeks, and are fast rounding into condition for the opening of the season which will come shortly after the Christmas holidays. The 1925 schedule has not yet been definitely decided upon.

Guy Nowlin, who lived in Mexia several years ago, was down from his Dallas home Saturday looking over the old town and marveling at its improvement since he was here last, just after the big gas explosion that destroyed the old opera house and killed several people.

Miss Lessie Spearman will leave Monday morning for her home in Pittsburg, Texas where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

A. Gus Cliett was here from Hillsboro Saturday.

J. K. Ridge was here from Corsicana Saturday.

Ed M. McKinney was here from Dallas Friday.

J. W. Craig was a visitor from Electra Saturday.

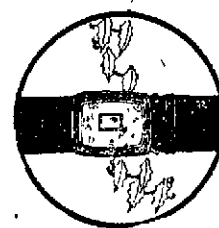
W. F. Crowson served on the jury in Groesbeck the past week.

T. J. Daugherty was a jurymen in District court the past week.

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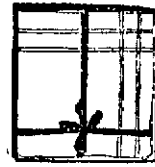
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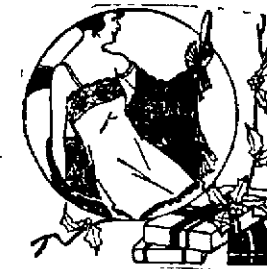
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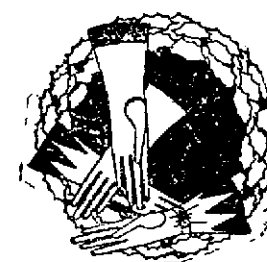
—If you want to solve your Christmas gift problems easily and satisfactorily, give 'kerchiefs. We have just placed in stock 50 dozen sample handkerchiefs and are placing them out at special priced during the week.



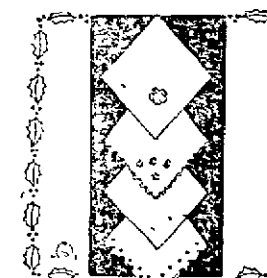
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T. U. Announces Its Schedule For 1925

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—Announcement is made of the complete schedule for the University of Texas football team for 1925. There will be five games in Austin, three on the territory of the opposing team, and one game on neutral ground. The annual game at the Dallas Fair will be continued. Texas meeting the football team of Auburn College in Dallas, on October 18. The schedule is considered both formidable and representative, and athletic authorities are well satisfied with it.

The schedule follows:

September 26, Southwestern, at Austin.
Oct. 3, Mississippi, at Austin.
Oct. 11, Vanderbilt, at Nashville, Tenn.
Oct. 18, Auburn, at Dallas.
Oct. 21, Southern Methodist University, at Austin.
Nov. 7, Baylor, at Waco.
Nov. 14, Arizona, at Austin.
Nov. 26, A. & M. College, at College Station.

Planning and making a football schedule to include strong teams is a difficult task, according to L. T. Bellmont, director of athletics. In making out the 1925 schedule, Mr. Bellmont has negotiated with twelve colleges in an effort to fill two open dates, Arizona, Northwestern, Mississippi, Center, Virginia Military Institute, Georgia Institute of Technology, Kansas, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Virginia, and Mississippi A. & M. are among the colleges represented in the negotiations. Conflict in dates was chiefly responsible for the failure to close contracts.

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BIRTHS

The following births in Limestone county have been recorded in the County Clerk's office during the week ending December 13:

To Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Horn of Mexico a girl on November 1.
To Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Shore of Mexico a boy on October 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Resben Heit of Mexico a boy on October 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wolpole of Mexico a boy on December 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Warley of Mexico a boy on October 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pollard of Mexico a girl on October 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Butler of Mexico a girl on October 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grisham of Mexico a girl on October 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. S. LaVelle of Mexico a boy on November 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Willie A. Speer of Mexico a girl on November 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rogers of Mexico a boy on November 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Vickers of Mexico a girl on December 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Claude Marton of Mexico a girl on December 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stone of Mexico a boy on November 30.

MUTE TALKS AFTER AIRPLANE DIVE



Gwendolyn Caswell, pretty twenty-two-year-old Chicago girl, dumb since she was a child, was taken in an airplane to the height of a mile above the Chicago Aero Club's field, when the pilot shot his machine straight for the earth in a nose dive, with motor running. When she reached the earth, it was found she could talk again. "The motor makes lots of noise," were her first words. At ten feet, she could hear distinctly, though she had never heard before. There were tears in her eyes as she thanked the pilot, Bert C. Hurley.

Gabriel McGee and Ida Shaw.
R. S. Sparks and Geneva Houston.
Ed Kelly and Beatrice Newton.
Albert Medlock and Lottie Pinkard.

B. N. Davis and Hallie Howell.
Alvie Heflin and Minnie Rasco.
J. A. Magress and Jewel Brewer.
Nelson Thomas and Winnie Lewis.
Fred Strain and Mary Emerson.
Hosea Alexander and Margaret Mathis.

W. B. Cox and Lena Webb.
W. E. Dezell and Maude Echols Spruell.

Tom Furlow and Beulah Durham.
J. H. Wells and Eula Leverett.
C. E. Sugar and Vera Burleson.
Clebarn Brichard and Artie Williams.

J. D. Williams and Mary Bass.
Will Edwards and Flora Mathis.
R. E. Pippin and Ila Speer.
J. A. Gilbert and Mrs. Anna Belle Gilbert.

Dick Willet and Mary Meador.
Douglas Matthews and Bessie Farmer.

Jesse Watson and Allie DeBord.
Dillard Jones and Jimmie Carroll.
Jesse King and Della Fisher.

Geo. Phifer and Mary Johnson.
Mose Profit and Melissa Shaut.
Arthur Frost and May Bennett.
Harmon Spilges and Lizzie Dempsey.

E. Barnes and Lila Hogue.
Hedrick Ortiz and Josefa Avarao.
Thomas Council and Dora Masters.
Jerome Henderson and Ina May Davis.

E. Swink and Zona Bryant.
Everett Spivey and Clara Allison.
Lloyd Campbell and Essie Swint.
C. L. Jenkins and Jessie McKissack.

Luther A. Renfro and Sadie Teer.
S. W. Cotton and Mrs. Ada Henderson.

A. B. Smith and Lillie Mitchell.
James Brown and Fannie Hallaway.

M. V. North and Myruin Miller.
David Williams and Lesteen Thomas.

Clinton Thomas and Nettie Allen.
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DEATHS

The following deaths in Limestone County have been recorded in the County Clerk's office during the week ending December 16:

Riley A. Tatum, aged 25 years, died at Mexico, March 19, 1922.

Cora Vault, col., aged 31 years, died near Mexico, November 22, 1924.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The following marriage licenses have been issued by County Clerk J. L. Day since our last report several weeks ago.

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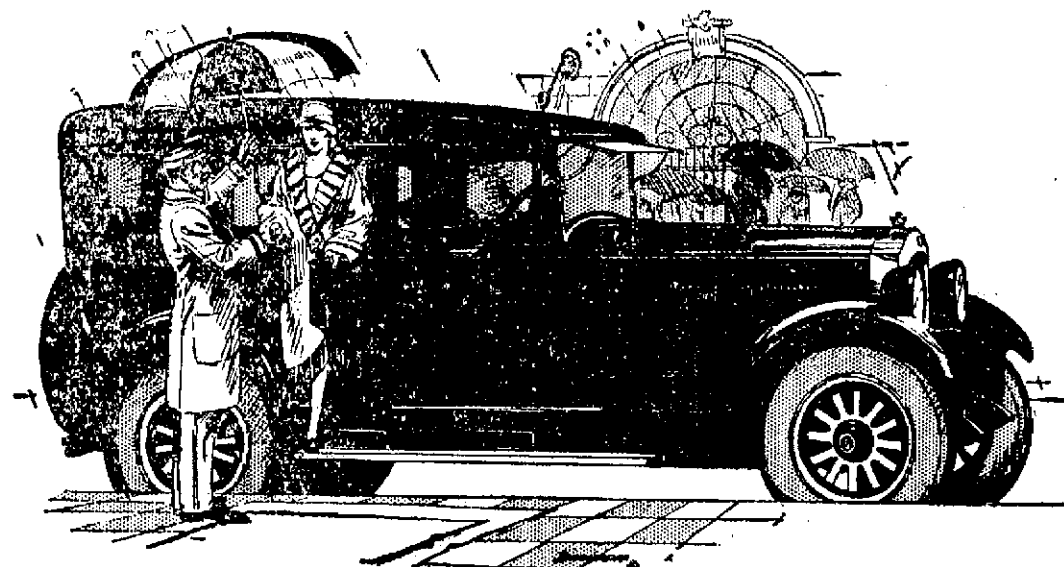
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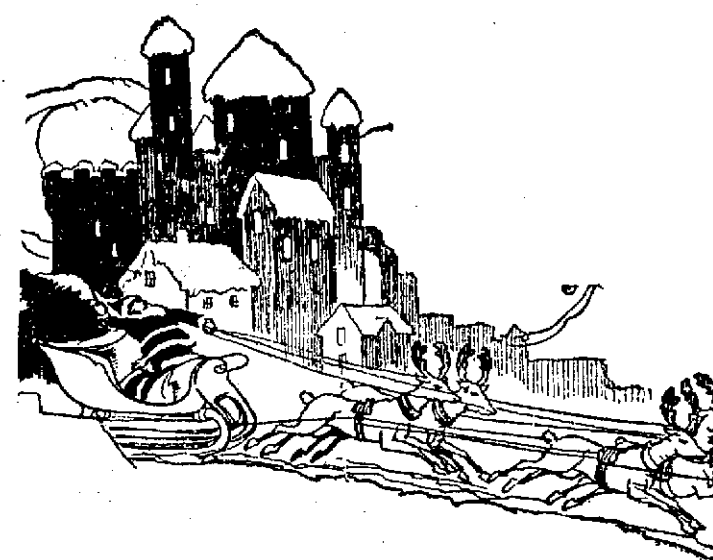
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The Bass company's first well known as the Oxford Oil Company's Crouch No. 1, is down in the Austin Chalk and should be a producing well of mammoth proportions by Christmas day. Being between the Penn and Boyd-Simmons, the Oxford Oil Company is almost certain to have a very spectacular career and secure a share in the big production rapidly assuming proportions, that will make it one of the largest independents in the field. The Bass interests at Breckenridge performed in a unique manner. They purchased the Goodwin lease with a 1200 barrel well when oil was \$3.50 per barrel during the winter 1920-1921, paying a million dollars in the transfer. Thinking that this 1200 barrel well could do better, and willing to risk a valuable bit of production on a gamble for better production, Mr. T. H. Bass ordered the well deepened, and when it was ready for the shot of nitro, instructed his son Gaddie what to do, and then went to Dallas to tend to other business. He left word to be called if the well bettered her previous production. The shot was set off and resulted in the biggest well to that date in the Breckenridge field making for weeks, 11,000 barrels per day of \$3.50 oil. T. H. Bass plays hunches and is invariably successful in securing record breaking wells.

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There was an Indian club drill by the advanced class which was almost perfect, the twenty girls composing the team moving almost like machinery, never a bobble. And the calisthenic exercises by the same class was equally as perfect.

Mimetics, by the beginners class

was another feature, and this class will soon be in the expert grade.

Natural Gymnastics, consisting of tumbling and pyramid forming would have done credit to professional troupe of performers, and was loudly applauded.

The piano and violin number by Opal Hale and Lola Cochran was a good, while the reading by Frances

Chatham was just as her numbers always are, splendid.

A dancing number by several girls was a feature of the program.

The Doll Shop act in which the girls were dressed to represent Dutch dolls, wooden soldiers, French doll, Chinese doll, music box baby, jumping jack and jingle bells, and a baby, was the finale, and was well

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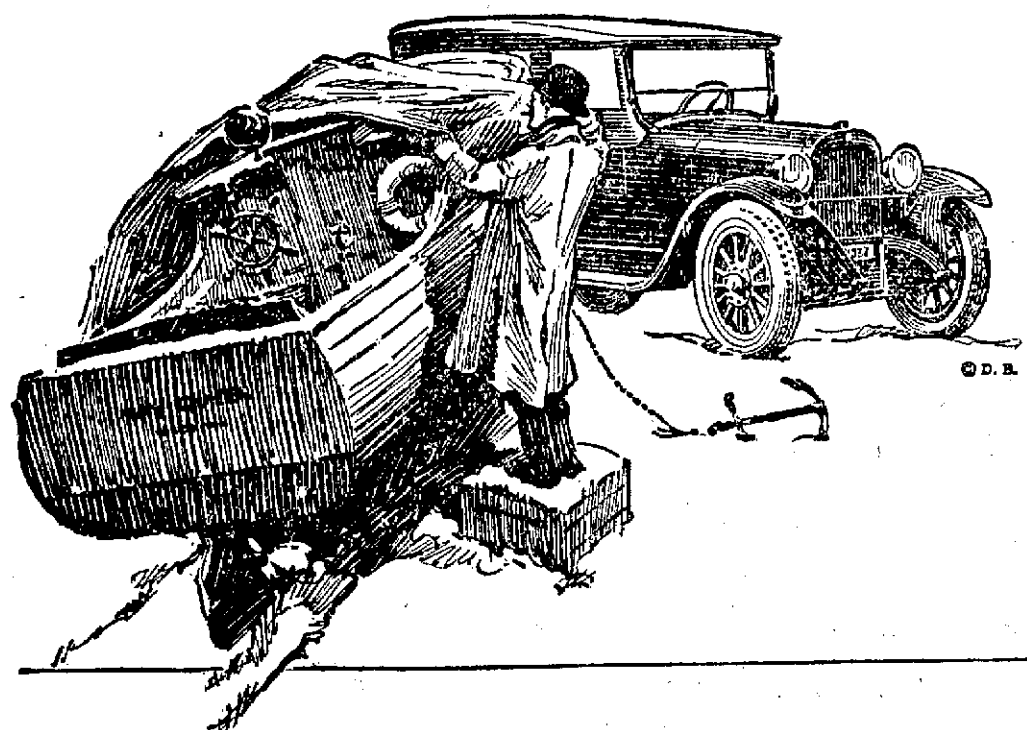
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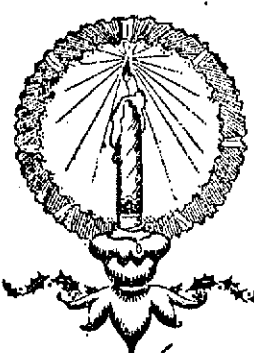
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Highway Legislation To Be Mapped Out At Meeting In Austin Early In 1925

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 20.—Directors of the Texas Highway Association are to meet in Austin early in January to map out a program of highway legislation, according to W. E. Lea of Orange, president of the association.

Exact date for the meeting has not been set as yet, Lea said, but it will be before January 15.

Several measures involving construction, maintenance and use of public highways are to be considered by the directors, and passage of those favored will be sought in the Thirty-Ninth Legislature, which will convene January 15.

Some difficulty will be encountered in the drafting of a set of bills, officials of the association say, by the delay of the Supreme Court in rendering its decision in the contest started by Limestone County authorities on House Bill No. 361, passed by the last session of the Legislature. This suit effects the constitutionality of the present automobile tax, and the authority given the State Highway Commission to maintain the designated public roads.

A decision by the court in favor of Limestone County, officials of the association declare, will necessitate the adoption of a constitutional amendment before Texas can comply with the requirements of the Federal Government to obtain Federal aid in the construction of highways.

Regardless of the ultimate outcome of this suit, however, the association has decided to press for additional laws designed to preserve, extend and make more safe the highways of the State. Among the measures to be considered are the following:

A law making service cars, motor buses and trucks common carriers placing them under control and subject to regulation in somewhat the same manner as railroads and pipe lines.

A law designed to eliminate glaring headlights from vehicles using the highways.

A law providing for jail sentences for conviction of violation of the highway laws.

Regarding the common carrier measure, it is the view of officers of the highway association that freight trucks are filling a long-felt want, that they are a public necessity and convenience, that they are here to stay and that legitimate

truckers want and are entitled to the protection of such a law.

The chief advantage of motor truck transportation, as pointed out by W. T. Wheeler, secretary of the association, are:

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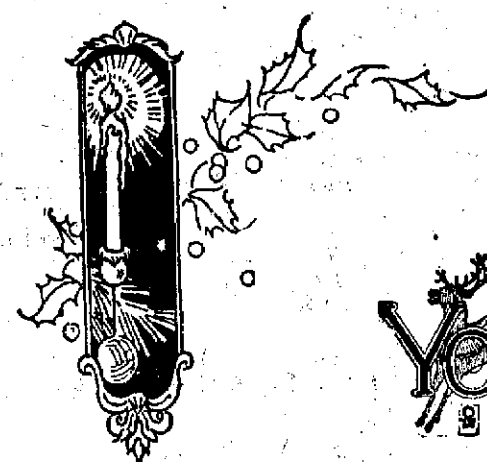
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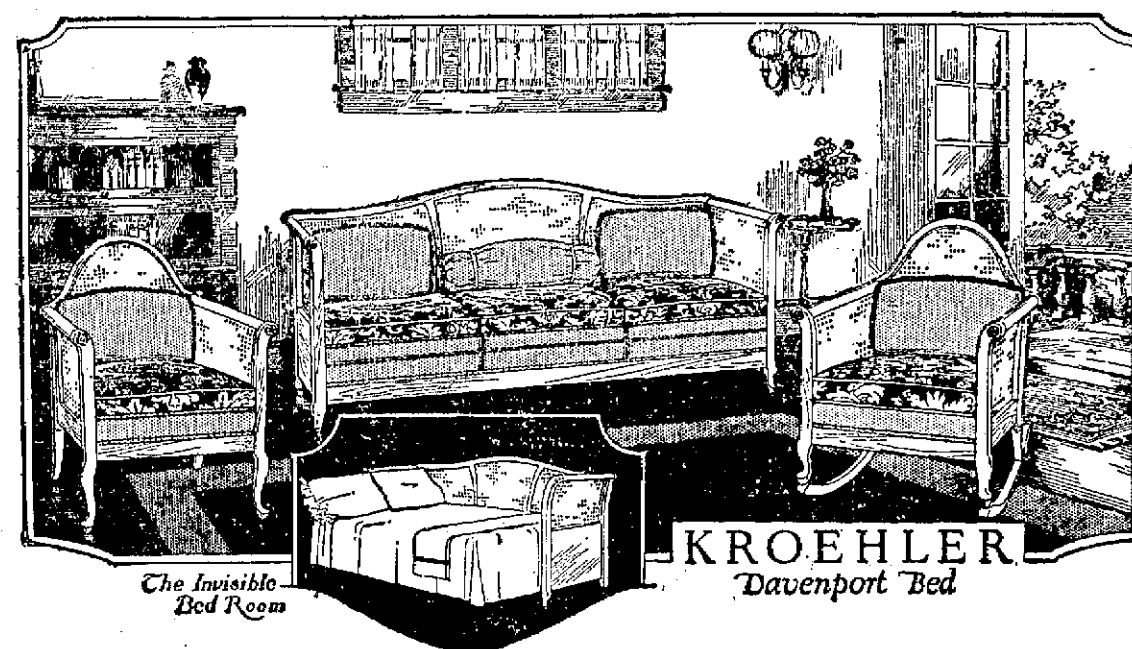


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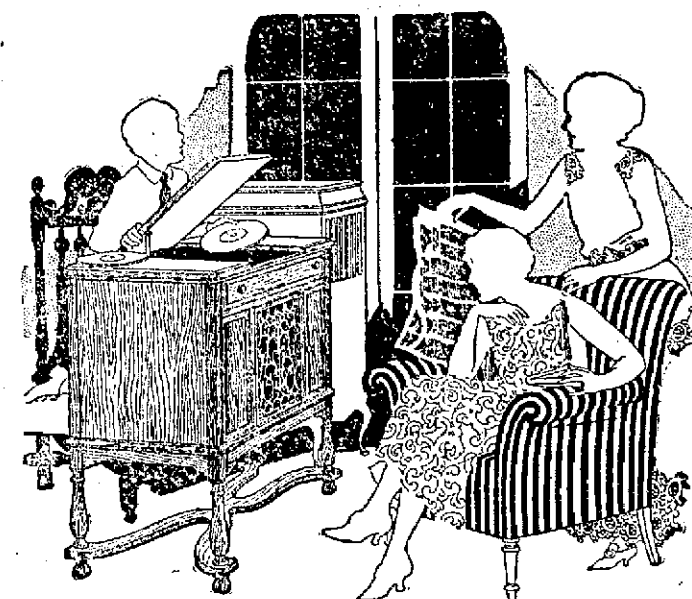
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Instruction To Be Given In Printing Arts By Typo Men

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 20.—Inauguration of a new correspondence course in the printing arts, under direction of a newly organized bureau of education of the International Typographical Union, will take place January 1, according to an announcement by James M. Lynch, president of the union.

The instruction will cover a wider field than was covered by the course until recently conducted from the union's educational quarters in New York City. The new bureau occupies quarters in the international offices here. John H. Chambers of Dayton, O., is the new director of the educational bureau, the teaching staff of which has been enlarged.

Energy and resources of the union will be devoted to extending work of the educational bureau as rapidly as is practical, Mr. Lynch said.

"The newly installed executive council looks upon apprentice training as of vital importance," said Mr. Lynch. "The I. T. U. protective and beneficial institutions, such as the Union Printers Home at Colorado Springs, Colo., mortuary benefit and old age pension, have accomplished much in strengthening the organization, but future welfare of the union requires elevation of craftsmanship and sound education of succeeding generations of printers.

"Employers do not object to paying good wages to good printers, but they will complain against good wages for incompetent men. The same applies in any other trade. It is our ambition to light the way for other trades in this problem of education."

Under by laws of the Typographical Union passage of the course in printing by apprentices is compulsory. They are required to begin their educational work in the third year of their six-year apprenticeship and the work must be completed before they are admitted to membership. The new bureau will provide adequate methods for checking up the progress of each apprentice in his studies and for determining if he has profited by his studies.

In addition to the merely technical operations of the printing craft, the course will carry instruction in English, punctuation, art in its relation to printing, and in advertising composition. The policy of permitting the student to elect subjects, not included in fundamental course,

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Dr. M. T. de Gerin, noted French physician, now in New York to study American medical methods, asserts that thousands of persons die needlessly yearly of pneumonia when a simple serum treatment would cure them quickly. A special license to practice medicine was granted him so that he might show his work to American physicians. The preparation is not secret, and he declares he is anxious for every American physician to make use of it.

will be pursued.

"Instructors will endeavor to engage the interest of each student by

offering individual attention to his needs and by writing personal letters," said Mr. Chambers. "Whenver possible, too, a 'big brother,' for the apprentice will be selected from the printers in the shop where the lad is employed. The 'big brother' will be in correspondence with the bureau and will be advised of the student's progress and of his difficulties from time to time.

"Apprenticeship committees are maintained by local unions and are charged with responsibility for welfare of apprentices. These committees will be provided with all information needed for encouraging progress in studies, and will be expected to see that each apprentice begins the course at the proper time and that he completes it satisfactorily before his admission to the rank of journeyman. While the course is designed for beginners, educational

work will be provided also for journeymen, who wish to perfect themselves in advanced phases of the printing art."

Test questions for use in examination of apprentices by local committees will be supplied by the bureau here.

Eastern Star Monday Night

Monday night at 7:30 Mexia Chapter No. 57, Eastern Star will hold its last meeting for this year, at which time a class will be initiated and there will also be other interesting features. All officers and members, and candidates are urged to be present on time. Visitors are always welcome. Let us make this an enjoyable meeting.

MRS. OSCAR DENNING, W. M.

50 SAVED FROM FIRE

[By United Press] CLEVELAND, Dec. 19.—Firemen rescued fifty women and children from the windows and ledges of a burning building today. No one was injured. Scores roused from their beds found stairways cut off and crowded the window ledges where the rescues were effected.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 19.—The temperature dropped to 28 degrees here from 70, in a few hours when the norther struck. The cold wave arrived shortly before midnight.

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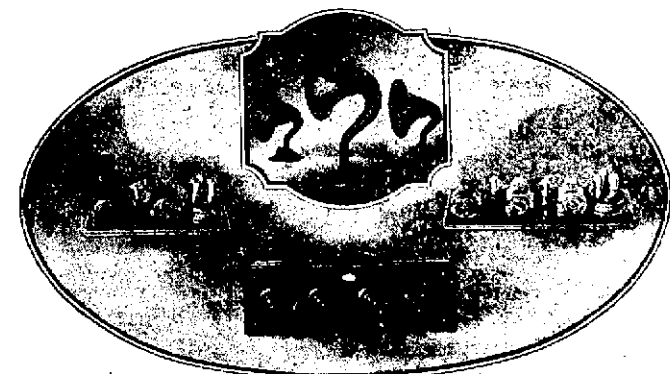
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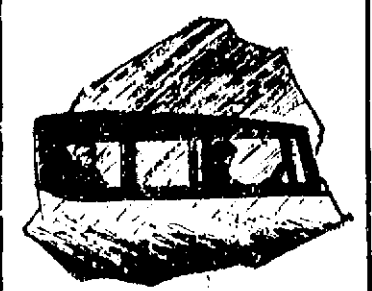


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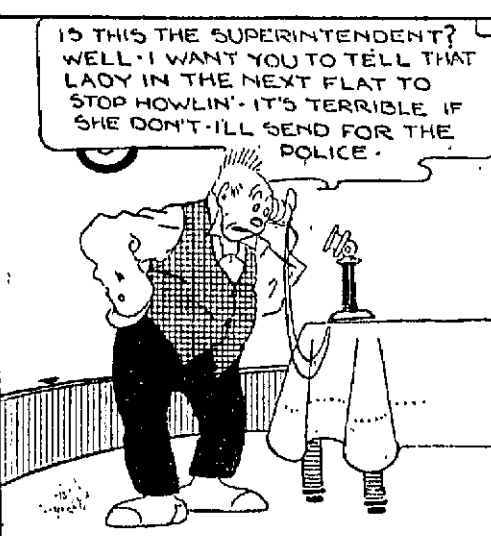
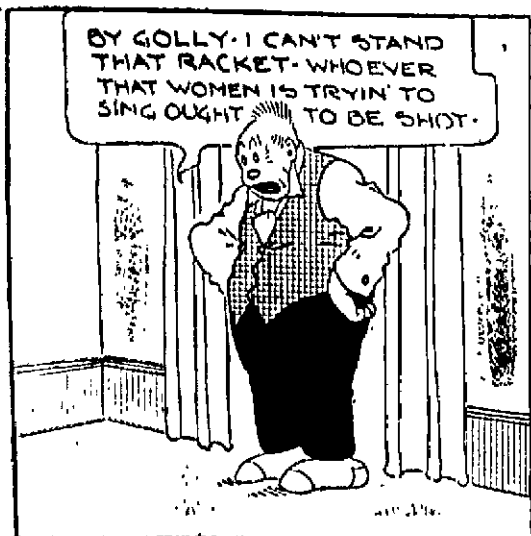
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LOST, Strayed or stolen, 1 sorrel mule with dark mane about 15 1/2 or 16 hands high, 1 sorrel mule about 15 hands high, red or roan mane (both horse mules) were necked together when last seen, largest mule has small brand on left jaw. Reward for return of same to F. R. KLOTZ, Mexia, Texas. 17X7

For Rent Rooms

YOUNG ROOMS—Beds 50c in tent house, for respectable men only, clean safe and quiet, electric light and gas, 507 Red River, 5 blocks east of City Hall, Main and Red River, next to corner. 18X7

FOR RENT—One front bed room, adjoining bath; private entrance, new house, modern conveniences for 2 or 3 men. 812 East Carthage, Phone 6567. 18-4

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See F. R. KLOTZ (owner) for terms and condition and full particulars of sale of above land.

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(These quotations are based on price paid by purchasing companies in Dallas, revised daily. Midcontinent.

Below 30 gravity \$.75
30 to 32.9 gravity90
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.10
36 and above 1.25

North Central Texas.
Corsicana, light (Powell)..... 1.25
Corsicana, heavy90
Mexico 1.25
Currie 1.25
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Ranger.
30 and below90
30 to 32.9 gravity 1.10
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.25
36 and above 1.35

Wichita and Archer Counties
30 and below75
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33 to 35.9 gravity 1.10
36 and above 1.25

Moran Crude.
30 and below75
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.10

South Texas
Mirando (Texpatha)90
Mirando (Magnolia)75

Somerset.
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Nacogdoches shallow oil..... 2.00
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Made Booze To Get School Money

[By United Press]

HOUSTON, Dec. 20.—John Staha, Jr., Hallettsville, had to make hooch in order to get \$300 to complete his college education, he told Federal Judge Hutcherson before whom he was arraigned for making 800 gallons of liquor.

He couldn't get the money any other way he said, but—questioning by the judge brought forth the facts that Staha's father gave him \$100 with which to buy the materials to make the booze; gave him \$35 with

which to buy the still, and when caught put up \$300 cash bond for him.

"Let's see," Hutcherson pondered. "That's \$485 right there. That's \$135 more than you needed. Your fine will be \$250."

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Do you know whether it is sterilized in the process of washing or not?

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208 E. Main Street

CHARITY CASES DEMAND A FULL COMMUNITY CHEST

By W. B. LANDRUM.

The Community Chest fund has not yet reached the amount fixed as necessary to care for the needs of Mexia for the coming year. Just at the time the committees were appointed to canvass the town for this money, oil was discovered at Wortham and every one was so busy some neglected to work their territory as they should, and some firms and many individuals were not solicited at all. I know they will give willingly and freely if their attention is called to the need of raising this money. Don't wait for some member of a committee who is busier than you are to call on you, but see Rev. Aubrey who is Chairman of all committees, or Mr. Carter at the City National Bank who is treasurer and give them any amount you desire.

Since the boom is here Mexia will need more money than was originally estimated to care for the charity cases. While many of us are profiting some by the boom let us not forget those who are less fortunate. All of us may not have oil wells, but we are profiting in the fact that oil was discovered near us. God made the oil and God made the people. He may not have made the people poor, but He made the poor people, and sent His only son because of his love for all people. As we commemorate the birthday of His son let us show the real Christmas spirit and donate liberally to the Community Chest fund, also the boiling pots on the corners so that all may be happy on Christmas day.

Mrs. M. Adam and daughter, Annette, and son Maurice, will arrive in Mexia Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corley. Mrs. Adam and children have just returned from a trip in Europe where they were visiting the relatives of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Parker will return to Mexia at noon Sunday accompanied by their daughter, Miss Dorothy, who has been in school at Ward-Belmont at Nashville, and Reuben, Jr. who has been attending the Terrill School in Dallas.

A. W. Anderson spent the past week in Groesbeck serving on the jury.

Holiday Bridge Party At Home Of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Simmonds

One of the most charmingly appointed affairs of the holiday season was given Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Simmonds on Ross avenue, when Misses Alice Simmonds, Annie Crinshaw, Shelly Harper and Corin Watson entertained with ten tables of bridge.

Underground System Installed In Dry Cleaning Plant

R. L. Maddox, proprietor of the American Dry Cleaners, states that in order to take care of his increasing business he has installed an underground system and a continuous flow system which keeps the garments in a continuous flow of clean fluid at all times during the cleaning process. The underground system does away with fire hazards and makes a lower insurance rate.

TEXAS STUDENTS TO BE HOME AFTER DECEMBER 22

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—Students of the University of Texas are now taking final examinations for the fall term. The examinations will end on December 22, and the Christmas recess will begin on December 23. Classes will be resumed for the winter term on January 3.

Fall term grades will be mailed to the students on December 25. Last year 368 students failed to pass enough courses to remain in school, and were dropped from the University. Of that number, 209 made application for readmission, and 105 were reinstated. There were 21 students who found that some error had been made in reporting their grades, and four students were passed over because of postponed examinations. A large number of students made no effort whatever to be reinstated in the University, and approximately 64 were refused admission because of especially bad records.

GOOD USED PIPE for prompt shipment, 20,000 ft. 8 in. 75c; 15,000 ft. 6 in. 50c; 40,000 ft. 4 in. 25c; 40,000 ft. 2 in. 8c. Texas Supply Co., Houston, Texas. 21X7

Christmas motif was further carried out in the table arrangements, where covers, score pads, tallys and table favors were in the holiday colors, red and white. A miniature Christmas tree occupied the center of each table, which was later cut for.

After five games of bridge supper was served to about fifty guests. Beautiful prizes were awarded to Miss Lelia Conrad, Mr. Wallace Mason and Miss Mavis Ward. The out of town guests included Miss Simmonds mother, Mrs. J. M. Simmonds of Temple, Miss Margaret Simmonds of Temple, Mrs. Chas. Orgain, Miss Marilyn Orgain. Mr. W. E. Lafon of Taylor and Mrs. Chas. Randall of Fort Worth.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Edward H. Hudson, Pastor. Sunday, Dec. 21, 11 a. m. Doxology. Invocation. Hymn. Scripture: Luke 2. Prayer. Hymn. Offering. Music. Sermon: "The Savior of All." Hymn. Benediction. "God's Christmas List" will be the subject of the evening sermon at seven o'clock. "Christmas in Poetry and Song" will be the C. E. Topic at six o'clock this evening. Christmas Tree for the Sunday School, Wednesday evening at seven at seven o'clock. Dr. J. P. Kidd and singer have been engaged for the last two weeks in March.

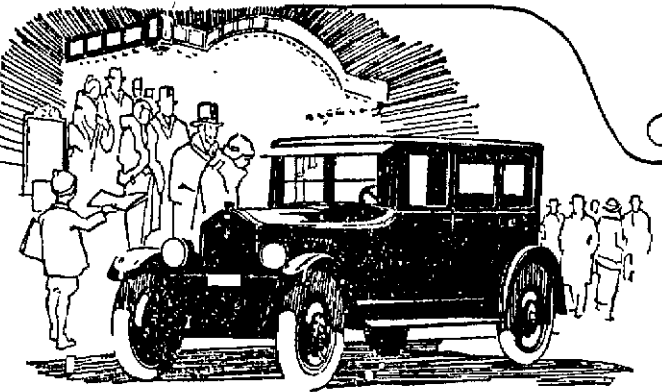
Mrs. W. W. Barnett entertained her class at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

News Classified Ads get results.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

FOR HOLIDAYS The Mexia Public Schools closed Friday afternoon for the holidays and will not open again until Monday, January 5, thus giving two full weeks for pupils and teachers to rest and visit the home folks.

Gibson Hagood was a visitor from Waxahachie Saturday.



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- Medeira Napkins and Lunch Sets \$10 to \$20
- Linen Lunch Sets, plain white and colored—\$2.95 to \$10.00
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- Silk Petticoats \$2.295 to \$10.00
- Pettibockers and Bloomers \$2.95 to \$10.95
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- Silk Teddies \$2.95 to \$10.00
- N negligees \$10.00 to \$19.50
- Corduroy Bath Robes \$3.45 to \$10.00
- Handkerchiefs in boxes 75c to \$2.00
- Kid Gloves \$2.95 to \$6.45
- Phoenix Silk Hosiery \$2.00 to \$4.00

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- Gladstones \$27.50
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- Phoenix Silk Sox \$1.00 to \$2.00
- Silk Underwear for Men \$5.00
- Wool Underwear for Men \$4.00 to \$7.50
- Leather Caps with Ear Warmers
- Leather Jackets \$12.50 to \$19.50
- Sheep Lined Coats \$12.50
- Leather Cigarette Cases \$2.00 to \$5.00
- Cordovan Leather Bill Folds \$3.50 to \$5.00
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Oil Field Work Is Yet Tied Up By Freezing Weather

300 DERRICKS IN WORTHAM AREA ONLY A FEW RUNNING

There are 292 derricks up or going up in the Wortham oil field in addition to the 8 producers, giving the month old oil districts an even 300 operations.

The weather man put practically all activity on the standstill. High prices were being bid Saturday for derrick men and others, with few takers, as high as \$25 per day being offered.

Of the 292 tests, five or more are listed as being temporarily abandoned.

17 wells are at various depths below 2500 feet and under more favorable weather conditions, all would have set casing this week and probably three of them would have been added to the completed column of producers.

The E. L. Smith Edwards 1, south offset to the Penn McCorkle 1 was to have been swabbed in Saturday but was shut down for gas. It is expected to be completed Monday at the very latest, as it is to a depth of 3015 feet and in a very rich oil sand.

The Pure Oil Company bailed the casing at 2881 and is due to be brought in as soon as weather permits. The company's number 2 bounds has set cement, the bottom of hole being 2881.

The Rio Bravo Company's H. & T. C. 1 is drilling in, or will be weather permitting, in a few hours.

NEGRO LOSES THREE FINGERS IN MACHINERY

J. C. Cornelius, colored, an employee of the Munger Oil and Cotton Company had his left hand caught in the machinery about twelve o'clock Friday night at the mill, and was rushed to the hospital. Three fingers had to be removed from his left hand, but otherwise he was not injured.

THREE DEAD IN TEXAS COLD WAVE

[By United Press] DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—With three dead and many injured, the record cold wave held North and Central Texas in an icy grasp again today.

Sub-zero temperatures prevailed throughout the Southwest.

Two died here from burns and a score slipped on icy pavements and were injured.

A Fort Worth motorist, blinded by sleet, drove his car through a bridge and was killed. A companion was perhaps fatally injured.

Cloudy with little change in temperature was in prospect for late today.

Cold Snap Is Cause of Many Minor Fires

The Fire Department answered a call from Jay's Cafe Saturday morning when the partition was burned out in the rear of the cafe on the West side, next to the barber shop. The blaze was extinguished by the use of chemicals.

About three o'clock Saturday afternoon they were again called out to answer a call on the south end of Belknap street when the fire in the home of J. L. McGraw caught fire. It was not necessary to lay a line of hose in either instance.

BORN TO MR. AND MRS. C. B. MCGOWAN

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McGowan of South Sherman street are the proud parents of a ten and quarter pound son. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Miss Margaret Moore of Texarkana is visiting her sister Mrs. E. F. Hamm in this city.

C. P. Stewart of Dallas was here Saturday.

State-wide Hunt Is Under Way To Chase Down Bandits

[By United Press]

VALLEY VIEW, Texas, Dec. 20.—A statewide manhunt was under way today for bandits who looted two Valley View banks and fired the town early yesterday.

Police throughout the state were on the lookout for the raiders who, they believe, were led by Otto Starr, daring Texas desperado.

Poses returned empty handed to Valley View today, their search halted by the biting cold.

Meanwhile Valley View took stock of damage wrought by fire and robbery.

Joint cash loss of the two banks—The First National and First Guaranty State—was \$12,500 cash and \$100,000 in notes and securities.

Ten buildings were destroyed by fire, with a loss estimated at \$150,000. Steps looking to reconstruction were to be taken this afternoon.

As the bandit hunt extended over the state Ardmore, Okla., police reported they had arrested a man who was drunk and had more than \$1200 in his possession.

At the same time police of Dallas and Fort Worth began a general roundup of police characters, believing, they said, that the bandits had gone to either city.

Christmas Tree By Salvation Army At Cent'l Presbyterian

The Salvation army is responding to many calls for aid in this season, but while attending to all calls, Envoys Hamilton is going ahead with his plans for the children who otherwise might be forgotten. He stated Saturday that the tree would be given Christmas night at the Central Presbyterian church. Many have signified their intention to give something to the cause and Envoys Hamilton stated that if all clubs and others who are to share in this gift will let him know the amount of their offering Monday it will help him in completing arrangements. Santa is on the corner every night.

Students Returning Home Snow-Bound

[By United Press]

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—A Katy special carrying hundreds of college students returning home for the holidays arrived in Dallas twelve hours late, due to snow storms and zero weather in Missouri and Kansas. The passengers report little hardships. The train was heated and supplies of food were on hand.

SEVENTH FIRE IN THIRTY-SIX HOURS

The Fire Department responded to an alarm at 610 East Carthage about 635 Saturday night, making the seventh run within less than thirty six hours. This is a record breaking for the local Department; the prevailing cold wave is given as the cause of so many dangerous fires, but so far none of these have resulted in any real damage, with the exception of the Bowie Hotel and three negro houses last night. No damage was done at the Murray home, as the fire was extinguished before it could spread.

COLD WAVE BRINGS SUFFERING AND DEATH IN MANY PLACES THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES

[By United Press]

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—At least 19 were killed as the result of sub-zero weather centering in the midwest and southwest.

Four were killed in Wisconsin, three in Oklahoma, three in Texas, two in Illinois, two in Michigan, one in Missouri and one in Kansas.

Deaths were due to fires, overheated stoves, falls, traffic accidents and exposure.

SERIOUS DAMAGE TO COMMUNITY BY BLUNDER OF RUMOR

Rumors continued to be heard in Mexia Saturday about a boy freezing to death here Thursday night.

For hours Friday, the News went to every source reasonably sure to have heard of such an occurrence and failed to find anyone who could report anything but hearsay. Saturday morning, in cafes and on street corners and other places, the statement was frequently made that the boy had really died, despite the report in the paper. It was always someone else who had seen it, however, rather than the party speaking. Several hours more were spent by every member of the News editorial and reportorial staff trying to get at the heart of the secret and in this was given the help of Mayor Ernest Watson, Chief of Police Mace, Chamber of Commerce Director F. P. Hutchinson who is also II. & T. C. station agent; J. K. Hughes another director of the Chamber of Commerce and others. The matter was considered seriously by everyone of them, realizing that it was not only hurtful to the city but a reflection in a way on the citizenship as a whole. All these efforts failed to find anything more than the rumor. If anyone knows for sure what he is talking about he will do a great favor to all authorities and to The News reading public by giving his information to the Mayor or to Chief Mace.

Mayor Watson stated Saturday afternoon that at the City Hall provisions had been made for those unable to find shelter anywhere else. Twenty-six slept in that place Friday night, Chief Albert Mace verified. A big fire is kept going there all the time and those that have no other place to go are even welcomed there. Agent Hutchinson at the S. P. station says that when the doors are closed there that if there are any who are waiting for the purpose of warming or spending the night there that the porter is sent with them to the big room and warm fire at the City Hall.

Those hearing these menacing and serious rumors are urged to help in quelling reports so hurtful or if he knows anything go and speak out.

The Salvation Army is having many calls but is responding to all and through the generosity of J. K. Hughes the announcement is made that if there are any in the Mexia community who are suffering from lack of fuel that all they have to do is to go to the coal yard and get enough to carry them through this cold spell. J. K. Hughes will foot the bill. There is no need of anyone being without coal under this arrangement.

Mayor Watson thanked Mr. Hughes earnestly for his interest in the matter and scores of other citizens here by putting over community chest for charity and other needs have shown that this is a city with a heart.

MUSCLE SHOALS TO BE STUDIED

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A proposal to refer the Muscle Shoals to a commission for study is gaining ground was announced today at the White House.

The sections are struggling with the task of clearing the tangle of broken telephone and telegraph wires restoring communication and train service.

The storm shifted to Ohio where temperature dropped 40 degrees.

Nearly all of Illinois is isolated thousands stranded at St. Louis on account of poor train service.

Property damage will run into the millions.

Home Owners Are Fortunate This Winter

Those who own their homes in Mexia have realized during the past forty-eight hours just what the renter might be up against if he were asked to vacate during the blizzard.

Real estate men are using this as a very effective argument to the man who is able and who yet puts off the eventual necessity of buying a home for himself and family. As a result of the salesmanship of Mexia's realty brokers, it is expected that a very active real estate market will result immediately after the holidays, especially in view of the fact that prices are in almost every instance normal.

Homes, very elegantly furnished and appointed, are on the market for less than they actually cost to construct while there are enough vacant building lots to supply a population of several additional thousands and inhabitants should the spaces all be filled up, and without extending or opening additional residential areas.

Humble Has Big Campaign On In Wortham Field

The Humble Oil and Refining company is engaged in an intensive drilling campaign in the Wortham field which already accounts for about 60 operations. The company has two drilling wells and a derrick on the Crouch; three on the Finch; two on the Ferguson; ten on the Lindley; and seven on the Lizzie Manning et al; nine on the Crouch; one on the Davis; four on the Dodd; two on the Edwards; seven on the two Poindeux tracts; five on the Roy Simmons; and four on the Stubbs.

Humphreys Is Off For the Holidays

Colonel and Mrs. A. E. Humphreys left Saturday afternoon for Denver, where they will spend the Christmas holidays. On January 2, the Colonel will return, soon after which the meeting of stockholders of the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company will be held either at Mexia or at Dallas.

Due to the heavy drilling campaign now being conducted in the Humphreys Boyd Company in the Wortham field, he will be anxious to get back.

In addition to the four producers now in, the company has about sixty drilling operations or operations that will soon be going. The three gushers of the Company on the Simmons lease have been sending 1,000 barrels hourly to storage with pressure on, during the cold spell.

Early completions expected by the company are the Simmons 2 and 5 and the Manning 1, which should be in before Christmas day.

To take care of the many drilling operations, the Humphreys Boyd Company has fortified itself against a water shortage by six different water projects. The sixth contract was made the latter part of this week with the Mexia Country Club for water from its lake on the country club grounds South of Mexia about two miles.

OAK CLIFF WINS.

The Oak Cliff Leopards swamped the Waco high eleven in the finals for state championship, at Dallas Saturday afternoon by the score of 31 to 0. The game was played in the biting cold wind, spectacular playing was almost impossible, although many passes were attempted on each side.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A white Christmas is forecast for the United States by the weather bureau today. It is reported that there will probably be cold weather in every portion of the country except the extreme west and south.

DISCHARGED MAN SHOOTS UP A SHOE STORE TWO DEAD

[By United Press]

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—Two persons are dead and two others are dying here today following a shooting rampage in the downtown business section by Edward O. Riordan.

Crazed because he had been recently discharged from his job, Riordan entered the Fred S. Stewart shoe store, shot and killed Stewart, wounded two employees and then killed himself.

S. R. Turner and H. E. Maddux, employees shot by Riordan, were reported near death today and physicians held little hope for their recovery.

Riordan had been advertising manager for Stewart's store and was dismissed last Saturday night by Turner, the manager.

Police said he had been drinking prior to the shooting.

W. H. Halloford Injured at Currie Friday Night

W. H. Halloford was painfully but not dangerously injured on the Bounds tract near Currie about 10:50 or eleven o'clock Friday morning when an elevator fell about twenty five feet, striking him on the head and knocking him unconscious.

His face was cut to the bone down across his forehead, lip and nose were split open. He was brought to Mexia in the John R. Corley Company ambulance and placed in the Pure Oil Company hospital. Reports Saturday were that the injured man is getting along alright and will be able to be back on the job as soon as the wounds are healed, as it is not thought his skull is affected.

BAG OF CANDY AND PRAYER BOOK FOUND ON MURDERED YOUTH

[By United Press]

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20.—A bag of candy and a prayer book was all that police had to try to solve the identity of a youth found murdered in a coffee house here. He had been dead eighteen hours with his hands folded over the prayer book. The proprietor of the coffee house was arrested and a truck load of liquor was confiscated.

MAN IS RUSHED TO DALLAS FOR OPERATION

Harry Stewart, an employee of the Humble Pipe Line Company, at work at the new Wortham pump station two miles Southeast of Wortham. Had an acute attack of appendicitis shortly after midnight Friday night. He was rushed to Wortham in the J. I. Riddle Company ambulance where he was put on the early morning train and sent to the Baptist Sanitarium at Dallas.

THE WEATHER

Texas—Cloudy with rising temperature Sunday.

WOMACK PRESENTS CHRISTMAS GIFT OF \$650.00 TO CAUSE; GIFTS ARE YET ENCOURAGED

With the receipt of \$650.00 coming as a Christmas gift from Jack Womack to the Mexia Community Chest the budget of \$600.00 needed for Charity, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and the Public Library and certain other objects was taken care of for the coming year according to the estimate made before the beginning of the campaign. Mr. Womack leads the list as the largest single contributor. In addition the following citizens have contributed five hundred dollars or over: J. K. Hughes, Blake and E. L. Smith, J. Desenberg and Nussbaum, and Col. A. E. Humphreys. Many other firms and individuals have contributed just

as liberally in proportion to their ability. The large amounts are necessary to realizing the total but the committee appreciates just as much the smaller gifts coming from hundreds of men, women and children.

Let it be clear that although the total amount has been subscribed not all subscriptions have been paid and it will be necessary for all who have subscribed to pay their obligations to secure the necessary money to carry on the work. Also it should be understood that this budget was estimated and the campaign begun before the beginning of the boom and the demands now are much greater than before. With the coming of the cold weather there have been many calls for relief and it is advisable for all pledges to be taken care of now.

The Advisory Board is called to meet Monday morning at ten thirty at Jess McLeod's real estate office and take up the matter of apportioning and disbursing the funds.

Rev. Aubrey, leader of the campaign for the funds states that the response received has been splendid. Much praise is due the business men and women who gave their time and energy in collecting the funds, as well as all those who have given of their money.

Especially does the committee appreciate the assistance rendered by Mr. W. K. Boyd in giving free advertising and Garland Adair in providing liberal publicity to the campaign for The Mexia Daily News.

Those who have been overlooked are urged to contribute, although the budget is in sight because of the conditions which exist growing out of the boom, having arisen since the original plans were made.

Another chapter has been written in the building of a greater Mexia. Although working night and day our city has not been too busy to make provisions for its children and the poor and needy.

WILL OF COMBERS LEAVES MOST OF ESTATE TO 3 SONS

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The will of the late Samuel Combers was probated today. He left the bulk of his estate to his three sons, and allotted to his widow the minimum amount required by law. The will was drawn November 18, superseding one made in 1921 when he married his second wife, leaving his estate to her. The amount of the estate was not revealed. The will said: "If Gertrude A. Combers should not be my lawfully wedded wife at the time of my death she is not to receive any part of the estate, but the whole is to be divided among the other heirs."

I. C. C. Asked For Fair Rates

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A favorable report on transport facilities on the Mississippi war rivers operated by inland water ways corporation and proposed expenditure of \$5,000,000 was made by the corporation advisory board to the secretary of war today. The board recommends that the Interstate Commerce Commission be requested to determine a fair and equitable rate, water rates through St. Louis, Vicksburg, Birmingham, and New Orleans to points in North Texas.

VETERANS SHOULD APPLY FOR COMPENSATION NOW

Z. Rochelle, Adjutant of the Nowlin Post of the American Legion, urges that all veterans who have not applied for their adjusted compensation or for hospitalization should do so before the close of the month. It is necessary that this should be done. Local post officials will gladly help any soldier needing aid in making the applications. Owen F. Watkins is Post Commander.

S. E. Morgan was here from San Antonio Saturday.

FLURRY RUMOR OVER RETURN OF AMBASSADOR

By JOHN DE GANDT.

United Press Staff Correspondent. PARIS, Dec. 20.—Leonid Krassin's proposed trip to Moscow next month has stirred up a flurry of rumors and denials in which friends and enemies of Russia are joining with a will.

After an anti-Soviet newspaper declared the Russian Ambassador was to leave next week and be gone indefinitely because negotiations scheduled for January have been postponed, the Embassy issued an official communique:

"The statement is false from beginning to end. The Ambassador intends to make a personal report to the Government at Moscow about the middle of January."

The Matin says that Krassin's trip is due to breakdown in preliminary negotiations between the Ambassador and M. Domanic. These negotiations were to pave the way for formal discussion of Russia's pre-war debts to France.

REV. W. B. ANDREWS SPEAKS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXERCISE

By CHARLES WOFFORD.

On Dec. 19th, the students of Mexia High School were called to a most unusual assembly in the auditorium. Professor R. M. Andrews made a few announcements and introduced the Glee Club. He then introduced Rev. W. B. Andrews who conducted the devotional exercises.

The first number of the Glee Club was "Silent Night, Holy Night," the second was "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Jessie Mae Sherrer and Mrs. E. M. Strange, as the directress. Both songs added praise to the Glee Club and it is now one of its favorites of all the students.

Rev. W. B. Andrews' subject was: "What Christmas Is and How It Should Be Spent." He stressed that it is better to give than to receive, and as a whole his sermon was very interesting and appealed to all present.

At the end of the program there was an announcement made that school was dismissed for the Christmas Holidays and Professor Andrews bid them all a merry Christmas and happy new year, and wishes them an excellent time until the end of the Holidays on January 5th, 1925.

CHARLES WOFFORD.

Austin Experiences Near Zero Weather

[By United Press]

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 20.—Near zero weather prevailed in this section of the State today as the force of the season's fiercest cold wave swept southward. Streets and sidewalks were coated with ice here today and a light skiff of snow fell during the night. Temperatures in this section ranged from 10 to 1 degrees above zero, reports here indicated.

FEWER FAILURES IN 1924 THAN WERE IN 1923

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—There were 120 less business failures in 1924 than in 1923, the Dallas branch of Bradstreet's reported today. The failures last year were 395 and this year they were 275.

Program at Central Presbyterian Church For Sunday Evening

The following program will be given at the Central Presbyterian church Sunday night. Everybody is invited to attend this church service.

Evening Program
7:00 p. m.

Prelude: "Desir D'Amour", Nor-ris.

Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Prayer.

Scripture lesson.

Anthem: "Sing Praises unto the Lord"—Gounoud.

Violin solo (a) "Canto Amoroso. Mischa Elman; (b) "Chant Negri", Cramer—Miss Loudale Simmons, of Coolidge.

Ravitone Solo: "There is a Song in the Air", Speaks—Rev. V. K. Aubrey.

Offertory—"Devotion"—Mater.

Soprano Solo: "O Night Divine".

March—Mrs. L. H. Haston.

Reading: "The Angels and the Shepherds"—Mrs. V. K. Aubrey.

Anthem: "Sleep Holy Babe," by Dykes.

Soprano Solo: "Bethlehem Star".

Stearns—Mrs. E. M. Strange.

Anthem: "Joy to the World"—Wilson.

Postlude: "Mazurka Noble," on-taine.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Central Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
"A Friendly Church"

North McKinney and East Carlhage
Rev. Victor K. Aubrey, Minister.
Mrs. E. M. Strange, Music Dir-ector.

Miss Ruth Finch and Mrs. Wyatt Hayter, Pianists.

Morning Service 10 A. M.

Prelude: "Polish Mazurka", Kern—Mrs. Wyatt Hayter.

Hymn 240: "Hark! the Herald An-gels Sing"—Stanzas 1, 2, 3.

Scripture Lesson.

Prayer.

Response: "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Christmas Program by Children—"Under the Star"

Receiving the Gifts

Offertory: "Shubert's Serenade"—Mrs. Hayter.

Hymn 35—"Come, Thou Almighty King"—Stanzas 1, 2, 4.

Sermon: "The Christmas Splendor"—Rev. Aubrey.

Christmas Carol—Mrs. E. M. Strange.

Penetration.

Postlude: "Elevation," Floerschheim—Mrs. Hayter.

Announcements

Christmas Eve program and treat for the children and everybody Wed-nesday, 7:15 p. m.

The School of Missions on China begins the first Wednesday evening in January. Order your book and enrol now.

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED
IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

The following new civil cases were filed in the office of the District Clerk during the week ending De-cember 16:

5453-B Lemuel Rogers vs. Euh Rogers.

545-B Annis Greyson vs. Wayne Greyson.

5455-B Roby Echols by next friend vs. Humble Oil & Ref. Co.

5456-B Exparte Louise Crouch.

5457-B Besse Wrdlow vs. Cassus Wrdlow.

5458-B Tempe E. Wilcoxson vs. R. Wilcoxson.

5459-V Robert Mims vs. Melvine Mims.

R. L. Evetts was a business visit-or from Dallas Friday.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS.

NEW YORK—In an 8-round pre-liminary to the Martin-Goldstein bout, Carl Tremaine of Cleveland, beat Sonny Smith of Brooklyn, near-ly stopping the local boy.

NEW YORK—Frankie Genaro, American flyweight champion under-went an operation for removal of his tonsils yesterday.

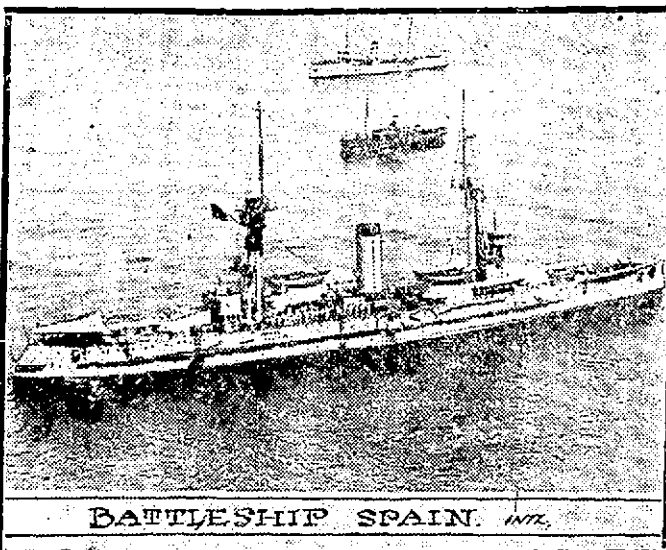
VANCOUVER, B. C.—Frankie Neil, who won the bantamweight championship in 1905, is dead here of pneumonia.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—Harry Ryan, Dallas, beat Johnny Simpson, San Antonio welterweight, in twelve fast rounds here last night.

NEW YORK—Johnny Farrell, champion medal golfer of 1924, is home from Florida for the holidays with a \$1,000 bill he won by driv-ing from the Tampa mainland to Davis Island in Tampa Bay. The wallop carried 310 yards. Duncan, Mitchell and Cruickshank failed.

I. O. O. F.
Meets every Tuesday night in 3rd floor of E. L. Smith Bldg.
Visitors welcome.
John Bales, N. G., F. W. Evens, Sec.

FINEST SPANISH BATTLESHIP LOST.



The newest and finest Spanish battleship, Spain, operating with the Spanish forces in Morocco, stranded on the coast of North Africa at Cape Tres Forcas. Attempts to pull her off were unsuccessful, and she has been abandoned, totally wrecked by a subsequent storm.

MRS. C. WILLIAMS DIES AT PRAIRIE GROVE

Mrs. Cedonia Williams, a long time resident of the Prairie Grove community died at that place Fri-day afternoon at eight o'clock. The deceased has many relatives and friends in the Prairie Grove neigh-borhood who mourn the passing of

this good woman.

Funeral services took place there Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. J. L. Riddle Undertaking Company had charge of the funeral arrange-ments.

Hugh Adamson will return to Mexia Saturday night from the State University to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

SCOTLAND'S FAVORITE STARS COMING TO THE OPERA HOUSE MONDAY

The Stuart's Scotch Review which opens a three day engagement at the Opera House Monday is com-posed of dancers and songs by that bevy of danty Scotch lassies who attract so much attention with their snappy music on the streets. This act brings roars of appreciative ap-ause from the audience.

The singing of the "Mac" Stuart the big Scotchman is on a plane with the best of Scotch singing. The "pe-tite" little drum major with her songs and snappy dancing is a bit. The dancing and singing of the en-tire act of six girls and Stuart is superb, and especially good are Mrs. Stuart's Scotch songs. And in ad-dition to the above Lucile Seay-mour's musical Revue will appear nightly beginning Monday night.

WORD FROM T. E. L. CLASS

We welcome all new people to our T. E. L. Class, Sunday, Dec. 21, at 9:45.

Subject: "The son of man came to seek and save that which was lost."

Music, Director Rev. Joe Jeffers.

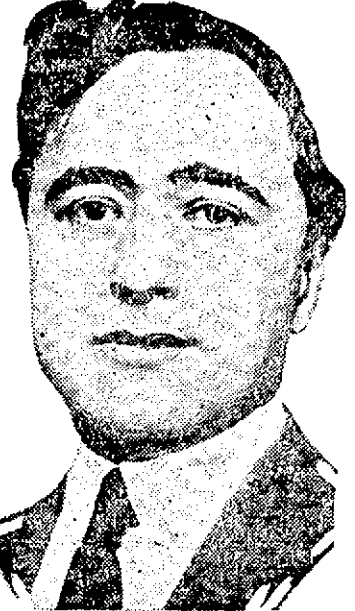
Christmas carol—Mrs. Higgins.

Inspirational talk—Mrs. Joe Jef-fers.

A home-like church, and you are welcome.

—Reporter.

Woll Will Be Candidate To Succeed Gompers



Matthew F. Woll, for many years prominent in American Federation of Labor circles, and one of the chief lieutenants of the late Samuel Gompers, will be a candidate to succeed Mr. Gompers as president of the American Federation, at its annual meeting in October.

C. S. Hutchinson was here from Houston Friday.

Brooklyn Manager To Have Operation

[By United Press]
BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 20.—An operation will be performed today on Wilbert H. Robinson, manager of the Brooklyn baseball club of the Na-tional League, at Union Memorial hospital to relieve a condition re-sulting from pleurisy which devel-oped during a hunting trip in the South more than a month ago.

The operation was decided on Thursday after a conference of phy-sicians. Dr. J. M. Tinney, Jr., will operate.

Robby, it was reported, spent a fairly comfortable day yesterday and was able to receive visits from mem-bers of his family.

FINED FOR RUNNING OVER FIRE HOSE

F. E. Poulsen was fined in the Police Station Friday night for run-ning over a line of hose which had been laid for the fire on Denton. Fire Chief Pittman states that fines will be imposed upon every violator of this law.

CHAS. CLOVER BUYS CAMPBELL HOME

Chas. Clover has purchased the home of Miss Mary Campbell on North McKinney street. The trans-action was made through the Jesse McLendon Real estate office.

Mrs. Aubrey Kindred has return-ed from Corsicana where she joined a family reunion commemorating the 92nd birthday of her grandmother.

James Riddle and Alex Bristow are expected to return from Castle Heights Military Academy at Le-banon, Tenn. Saturday night for the Christmas holidays.

R. M. Thompson was here from Dallas Saturday.

Geo. Beaumaster of Corsicana was here on business Saturday.

W. H. Parks of Wichita Falls was here Saturday.

Just received Saturday night a large shipment of Christmas Goods. See them Monday morning at Anderson & Horn's.

YES! You Can Get Your Christmas Goods in Mexia---

We returned from Dallas Friday where we purchased a nice assortment of Holiday Goods which will be on display by Monday noon.

RA (Dick) Wagner Co.

"If Used in the Office, We Sell It"
209 East Commerce Street

The Christmas Gift Supreme!

There may be gifts more costly, but to the music lover there is no gift that compares with that of a grand piano.

We are making special prices this week on all Minature Grand Pi-anos of \$550.00.

Also special prices on Ivers & Pond Pianos of \$550.00.

We are also giving \$150.00 off on all makes of player pianos, and \$75 and \$100.00 on straight pianos.

We are also Victrola dealers.



MAXFIELD MUSIC COMPANY
Mexia, Texas

Coming To The
NATIONAL
December 25 - 26 - 27
Furthest North in Thrills!



STAMPEDE!
The mad, swift rush of thousands and thousands of frenzied cattle. You'll see this and a thousand other real thrills in the big companion picture to "The Covered Wagon."

Coming To The
OPERA HOUSE
MONDAY



STUART'S SCOTCH REVUE
Scotland's Favorite Stars
in a
DANCING - SINGING AND MUSI-CAL COMEDY IN TWO ACTS
—also—
LUCILE SEAYMOUR'S Musical Revue
Matinee 2:00—Night Shows at 6:00 and 8:30

Four Fires In One Day Is Record of Fire Dept. Friday

The cold wave has brought the Fire Department into action many times within the last few days. Friday broke the record for many months when four fires were recorded in one day.

The first came from in front of Cheeves Brothers store about 6:55 Friday morning when a Ford car caught on fire while trying to be coaxed into starting, and the oil was burned off the motor, no further damage was done.

A two story garage and servant house belonging to Dennis Rankin, who lives on the Teague road were destroyed by fire about 4:55 Friday afternoon.

One hour later a negro confectionery on Belknap street was burned out inside. The firemen kept the fire from getting outside the building and spreading.

At 11:30 Friday night the old Bouie Hotel and three negro shacks on Denton street were destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The firemen fought the blaze in a gripping northern and suffered extreme hardship for over four hours before the treacherous blaze was extinguished.

Huge fires are built inside many frail shacks around Mexia and once they become ignited they blaze up and are destroyed as if made of paper, so only caution can prevent many of the fires around this city during the cold snap.

JES' FORE CHRISTMAS

(Edgar A. Guest)

They're acting mighty funny up at our house nowadays, They're different than they used to be an' changed in many ways; Not long ago if I should want some toy upon a shelf, They used to make me get a chair and hunt for it myself! Las' night I wanted building blocks and went to get 'em, too, An' three of 'em got up an' said, "I'll get 'em down for you."

I used to have to hunt for things that somehow went astray, They let me open bureau drawers without a word to say; Ma would sew, and sis would play, an' pa would read his book. An' never think of gettin' from their chairs to help me look. But las' night when I started in to find my 'lectric car They all exclaimed, "We'll hunt for it; you stay right where you are!"

I've never known 'em be so kind in all my life before; They'll jump to wait on me an' find the things I'm hunting for; Although they used to grumble an' to say I was a pest, I'm not a bother any more—but why, I haven't guessed; I only know that when I want some toy that's on a shelf, They're mighty quick to see that I don't hunt for it myself.

POSED AS WOMAN TO TRAP BOOTLEGGERS.



JOHN E. PARKER

Above are two views of City Marshal John E. Parker, of Gloucester, Mass., who posed for a year as a woman in a campaign against bootleggers throughout the New England States. His feminine wardrobe was complete to the last detail, and the "blonde vamp" lured scores of bootleggers to prison sentences. Occasionally, he fooled even the members of his own staff. At the left, Parker is shown as "Sally," under which name he was known, and at the right he is posed with a bootlegger's whiskey container, showing how they transport their stock in trade.

NEVER FAST BEFORE YOU HAVE DINNER WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES

This is the advice of Roland Bottomley in the George Melford production "The Dawn of a Tomorrow" to be shown at the National Theatre Monday. Jacqueline Logan, David Torrence and Raymond Griffith are featured.

Bottomley was a member of the Prince of Wales' body-guard when the titled Englishman last visited this country.

"I was a member of the British Flying Corps," he relates, "and while waiting for demobilization, was selected as one of eight for the Prince's bodyguard. At a dinner at the Waldorf in New York City, we were to have a part in the ceremonies."

"A dinner with a prince! I believed we would eat from golden plates and dine sumptuously, so I fasted 21 hours waiting for the event. Well, it came. And at the dinner, the menu consisted of shrimp salad, a bit of breast of guinea, a dab of mashed potatoes, simple rice pudding and coffee."

"Later," adds Bottomley, "I ate a big steak at the corner restaurant."

NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Blue Sky law passed by our last legislature at the 2nd called session of H. B. No. 177 Chapter 52, page 114 et seq. makes it a felony for any person to violate any of the provisions of said act regulating the sale of stocks and bonds.

Said act is to prevent fraud in the sale and purchase of stock, stock certificates, bonds, debentures and other securities, and requires that a

permit for the sale of stocks, bonds, etc., be first procured from the Secretary of State.

Many of the people do not know that there is such a law, but there is and it is now in full force and effect.

I hope and believe our county papers will be kind enough to publish this notice for the benefit of the people. James Kimbell, Dist. Ctty. 77th Judicial Dist.

Miss Theo Monihan of Southern Methodist University at Dallas is to be a guest this Christmas season in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mayer of this place. Miss Monihan is a Kidd Key graduate and will receive her degree at S. M. U. next year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gambrell and little daughter Martha James of Tulsa, Okla., arrived in Mexia Friday night to spend the Christmas holidays with the parents of Mrs. Gambrell, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corley.

150-Foot Ruling In Oil Well Drilling Upheld by Court

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Owners of small lots in oil territory may not drill within 150 feet of the property line of another owner, according to the judgment of the district court at Seguin, news of which was brought here today by H. E. Bell, chief supervisor of the oil and gas division of the railroad commission.

The railroad commission brought suit against the Quick Development Syndicate, alleging that had violated rule 37 of the commission which requires oil well drillers to secure permission from the commission before sinking a well within the prescribed 150 feet. The judgment of the court, Mr. Bell said today, was that a perpetual injunction was issued against the syndicate and that the state be awarded a penalty as well.

Considerable interest, Mr. Bell said, had been indicated in the outcome of the case, especially in view of the claim of many owners of small lot leases in the town of Wortham that they had the right to drill for oil on their holdings without regard to the rules of the commission.

Members of the railroad commission, Mr. Bell announced, expect owners and leaseholders to take notice of the decision in leasing their land and in making drilling contracts.

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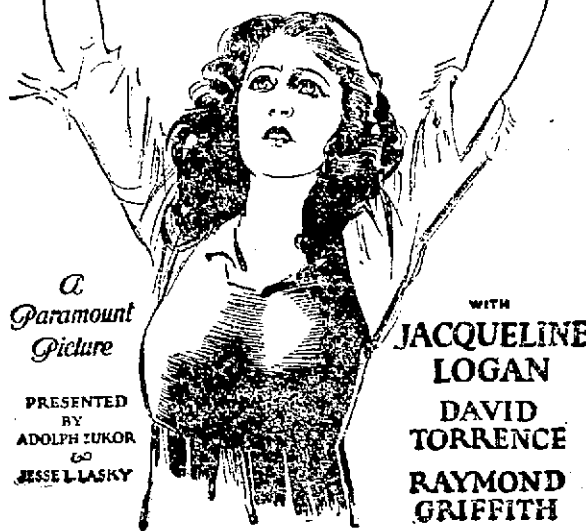
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GO TO CHURCH

Phil. 2:16—"Among whom ye shine as lights in the world." What does the church stand for? So few people have any idea of what the church stands for, what its purposes are. The only idea they have of it is that it is a building or a place for women and children mostly to meet, have a few songs and prayers and read the word of God, after which the preacher gets up to deliver a sermon and that if they attend, they have done all that is required of them.

Here are some of the things the church stands for: The moral protection of the people, something as vital as physical protection itself; the education of the people (My people have perished for lack of knowledge.—Matthew 23:19-20.); and the civilization of the world, spreading the gospel of Him who when He came the angels sang "Peace on earth, good will to all men."

But if it stopped there it would fall far short of its greatest service for the church in its highest and noblest sense stands for the salvation of the world and it is the only institution that has this in view. "When the judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."—Isa. 26:9.

HOW TO VOTE

Why not an election day once in awhile in the school to give the coming voters a chance to practice the act of voting? A good subject for the pupils of the Grammar School would be to vote on names for these institutions here. "Cousins" has been suggested as the name for the Sumpter Street School and the McKinney Street school should also be named, just the same as the Danbar School for the negroes.

Adults do not know any too much about how to vote. This has been proven in every election ever held in Mexia as well as everywhere else. In the recent road bond election where it looked like no one could possibly make a mistake two votes had to be thrown out and in previous elections the mistakes were far more numerous, resulting to the equivalent of disfranchisement, insofar as a say in the results was concerned. Everyone should know how to vote as well as for what to vote and whom to vote for. Ask any election official if his experience does not confirm this statement.

GOOD ROADS RECOMMENDATIONS

The passage of the \$150,000,000 appropriations for good roads recommended by the Senate Post Office Committee was a long step in the great work of affording better facilities for the ever growing volume of four wheel transportation.

The citizens of Consolidated road district 4 are more concerned than usual about this recommendation due to their vote in favor of the \$1,571,000 good road bond issue which won such a glorious victory. The citizens therefore should drop a message to their Congressman and Senator and urge them to vote for the recommendation when it is brought up. The passage of the measure would provide a fund from which this Consolidated road district has a reason to believe it could receive far more money than the entire county or several counties would pay into it.

It would be impossible to exaggerate the Americanizing value of highways which bind communities, states and sections of the country together and send multitudes from one section into another or all sections as tourists.

Within the United States, we have an area which for diversified industry, varied scenery and genuine American interest affords a field for touring which is unrivaled and this part of Texas for many years to come will be a spot sought out by many a tourist. No industrial scene in the southwest is comparable to the oil fields of the Mexia Balcones fault of which Mexia is the center, not to speak of other magnificent attractions.

This in addition to that vast economic benefit which is conceded in good roads.

MR. MATSUDAIRA ARRIVES

Japan announces the appointment of Mr. Matsudaira as Ambassador to the United States.

He is to succeed Ambassador Hanihara who committed one of the gravest of diplomatic blunders when he announced that the passage by America of the Japanese exclusion act would mean "grave consequences." The U. S. did pass the measure, shutting the door in the face of the yellow men.

There was then left little else for his country to do but recall him. It created a condition in Washington where there was but little freedom of action. Some call his statement "foolish" and one of an impulsive gentleman, nevertheless there is every reason to believe that he might have let loose in this statement a treasured State Secret of Japan. There may have been more truth than poetry in what he said. Little did the fathers of the U. S. think ten years ago that they were raising up their boys to go to war with Germany. Japanese exclusion was one of the wisest moves in self defense that this country could have made.

Again The News calls attention to the fact that the season for Christmas shopping is drawing to a close. Mexia stores are displaying and advertising complete stocks. They have prepared to handle the growing volume of business here and early began to do their part to make Christmas buying a pleasure. You can cooperate with them by not waiting until the last moment to make your selections and purchases. Not only will early shopping give the buyer a better opportunity to get just what he wants, but more important, it will make the days just before Christmas much more pleasant for the workers.

AN HONOR WORTHILY BESTOWED

The late meeting of the Texas Editorial Association at Galveston and Houston did a graceful thing in electing Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, editor of the Bryan Eagle as its second vice president. Mrs. Rountree is one of the best newspaper "men" in Texas, has the necessary number of years in the business to entitle her to membership in this association, which requires twenty years of service, and she has the pep and ability to hold the office and when her time comes to serve as president the association will have a competent head.

Let's shop more from ten to four.

Do your Christmas shopping now and make the holidays brighter for thousands.

When you pass along the street and see those Salvation Army barrels placed to take toys, clothing and anything else that will help brighten Christmas for "the forgotten children," won't you remember just what a little thoughtful act on your part will mean. A little bit of the Christmas spirit of generosity extended by many will add cheer to many a giftless home.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

MAKE MOTORING LESS DANGEROUS.

The automobile is one of the biggest factors in modern life. It speeds up business, cuts the cost of living, adds years to the lives of the people through promoting their health, broadens human horizons. It also slays men, women and children by the thousands. It is rapidly climbing the ladder of causes of premature human demise. It already has passed war as a slayer of men.

Regulation of automobile traffic and operation thus becomes one of the biggest problems before American municipal governments. For the automobile fatalities are in a few instances in fault of the machine. They are attributable to the "human equation" and therefore subjects of psychological and legal regulation.

When the automobile was but a little faster than the horse and very rare, legislatures largely controlled by the rural vote, regulated motor traffic on the basis of horse frightening. The emphasis was put on speed alone. And so the tradition has developed. Most of our so-called traffic regulation has been speed regulation, and speed is but one factor in the motor problem.

We are probably coming to a time when higher speeds, instead of being prohibited, will be forced. Road and street capacity will bring us to that.

Dallas has just avoided the cost of another million dollar viaduct by doubling the speed on the existing one.

It is safety, not necessarily slow speed, we must seek. Drivers should be required to pass an examination as to fitness, physical, mental and by training, for driving. Better traffic rules, mechanical signals, "dummy cops" at street intersections, rigid insistence of careful driving—these are the things that will make motoring safe for driver, passenger and pedestrian.

Two things noted in Fort Worth streets are worthy of the attention of those having to do with the making and enforcement of traffic laws:

1. There must be effective dimmer legislation. That is something the State legislature must attend to.

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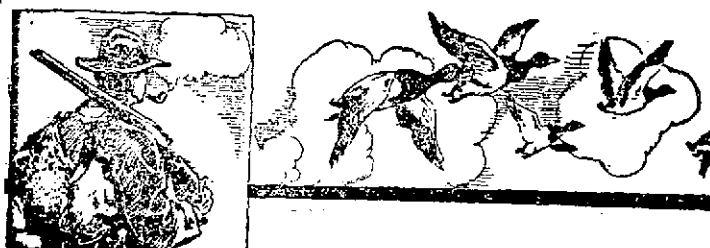
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Meanwhile motoring ethics ought to force every motor car owner to properly reduce the glare of his lights. Lives are being lost almost daily through glaring motor lights.

2. There must be regulation of the speed of motorcycle police and ambulances. The safety of the people is the paramount object of government. Reckless operation of motor vehicles and operation that endangers the

people has no foundation or right or law.

The automobile is a great aid to mankind. In the hands of thoughtless, careless or lawless individuals

it is a menace. Public officials, motor manufacturers and distributors and motorists themselves should join to make motoring safe.
—Editorial Fort Worth Record.

Announcement

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Dear Santa:
Please bring me a new typewriter ribbon for my "Ford." That is all I can think of now.

THE MAJOR.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a coaster wagon.

GUY FIFE.

Dear Old Santa:
I am just a little girl three years old. Please bring me a little piano, doll bed, little cedar chest and lots of fruit and nuts cause I can't eat candy.

Don't forget my little Buddy. Please bring him a little train with a track, and a horn that won't break and hurry up 'cause I want to kiss you Santa Claus. Lovingly,
CAROLYN LOFLAND.

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy 1 year and 3 months old, and I can talk. Santa bring me a rocky-horse and kid gloves, some tinker toys, candy. Don't forget mother and daddy and my little friends. Oodles of love,
LITTLE JUNE MATTHEWS

FOR SALE—One lot 50 feet front by 125 feet deep on pavement. Water piped on lot. Pavement paid for. Will make a sacrifice for cash for \$250. See E. HALL at Neece Lumber Co. or call 35. 21X1f

You can get fresh eggs at Radley's White Leghorn Farm or Hitts Grocery corner of S. Belknap and reunion ground road. Our white Leghorns lay sunshine or sleet. Phone 9016F11. 21X1

STRAYED—Brown Jersey Cow. Had light chain on horns. Strayed from W. D. Hight's home. Phone 228. 21X2

WANTED one or two salesmen to sell pictures of Wortham oil field. Call at 219 E. Milam, call for Jackson. 21X1

MALE HELP WANTED—50 pipe-

AT THE NATIONAL THEATER TOMORROW.



Jacqueline Logan and Raymond Griffith in a scene from the Paramount Picture 'The Dawn of a Tomorrow' A George Melford Production.

line ditchers by joint or day. Long job, good money pay every week. Leave newstand corner every morning. PHELPS & STERNBERG, 1017 South McKinney. 22X4

STOP, THINK, WORSHIP!

In the midst of the feverish scramble for money, should we not stop Sunday long enough to think and worship God at the First Methodist Church. It is Christmas Sunday. The pastor, Rev. W. B. Andrews, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Bring an offering for the orphanage at Waco. About 400 children there are dependent upon the Methodist church for food and clothing and training for future usefulness.

HIGH SCHOOL QUIN-TETTE WORKING OUT

The Mexia high school basket ball squad has been working out in the gym for the past two weeks, and are fast rounding into condition for the opening of the season which will come shortly after the Christmas Holidays. The 1925 schedule has not yet been definitely decided upon.

Guy Nowlin, who lived in Mexia several years ago, was down from his Dallas home Saturday looking over the old town and marveling at its improvement since he was here last, just after the big gas explosion that destroyed the old opera house and killed several people.

Miss Lessie Spearman will leave Monday morning for her home in Pittsburg, Texas where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

A. Gus Cllett was here from Hillsboro Saturday.

J. K. Ridge was here from Corsicana Saturday.

Ed M. McKinney was here from Dallas Friday.

J. W. Craig was a visitor from Electra Saturday.

W. F. Crowson served on the jury in Groesbeck the past week.

T. J. Daugherty was a jurymen in District court the past week.

GIFTS THAT GLADDEN

A STORE FULL OF LIVE SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS THE GREATEST EVER!

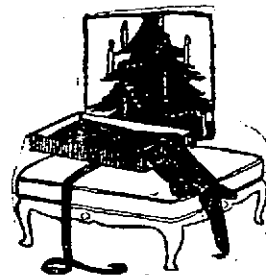
With only three shopping days till Christmas you will want to do your purchasing in a hurry. We are prepared to handle your every care in a very prompt and efficient manner—giving you the well known "Cheeves Prices" on every gift you buy.

BATH ROBES

for Men - for Ladies

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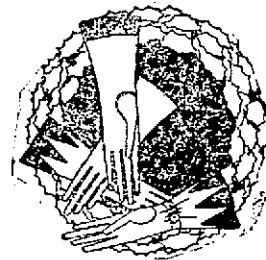


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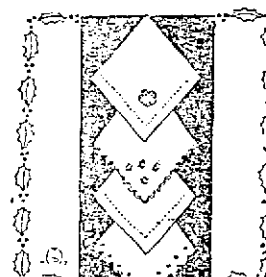
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50 Dozen Ladies Handkerchiefs

—If you want to solve your Christmas gift problems easily and satisfactorily, give 'kerchiefs. We have just placed in stock 50 dozen sample handkerchiefs and are placing them out at special priced during the week.

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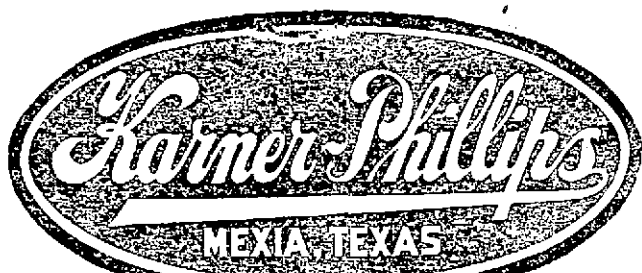
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T. U. Announces Its Schedule For 1925

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—An-
nouncement is made of the com-
plete schedule for the University
of Texas football team for 1925.
There will be five games in Austin,
three on the territory of the oppos-
ing team, and one game on neutral
ground. The annual game at the
Dallas Fair will be continued. Texas
meeting the football team of Au-
burn College in Dallas, on October
18. The schedule is considered both
formidable and representative, and
athletic authorities are well satis-
fied with it.

The schedule follows:
September 26, Southwestern, at
Austin.
Oct. 3, Mississippi, at Austin.
Oct. 11, Vanderbilt, at Nashville,
Tenn.
Oct. 18, Auburn, at Dallas.
Oct. 21, Southern Methodist Uni-
versity, at Austin.
Nov. 7, Baylor, at Waco.
Nov. 14, Arizona, at Austin.
Nov. 26, A. & M. College, at Col-
lege Station.

Planning and making a football
schedule to include strong teams is
a difficult task, according to L. T.
Bellmont, director of athletics. In
making out the 1925 schedule, Mr.
Bellmont has negotiated with twelve
colleges in an effort to fill two open
dates, Arizona, Northwestern, Mis-
sissippi, Center, Virginia Military
Institute, Georgia Institute of Techno-
logy, Kansas, Colorado, Georgia, In-
diana, Virginia, and Mississippi A.
& M. are among the colleges rep-
resented in the negotiations. Con-
flict in dates was chiefly responsible
for the failure to close contracts.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.
Groesbeck Journal.

BIRTHS

The following births in Limestone
county have been recorded in the
County Clerk's office during the
week ending December 16:
To Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Horn of
Mexico a girl on November 1.
To Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Shere of
Mexico a boy on October 12.
To Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Height
of Mexico a boy on October 22.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wolpole
of Mexico a boy on December 3.
To Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Watley of
Mexico a boy on October 10.
To Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pollard of
Mexico a girl on October 23.
To Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Butler of
Mexico a girl on October 23.
To Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grisham
of Mexico a girl on October 29.
To Mr. and Mrs. A. S. LaVelle of
Mexico a boy on November 7.
To Mr. and Mrs. Willie A. Speer
of Mexico a girl on November 27.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rogers of
Mexico a boy on November 30.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Vickers
of Mexico a girl on December 1.
To Mr. and Mrs. Claude Marton
of Farrar a girl on December 10.
To Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stone of
near Otto, a boy on November 30.

MUTE TALKS AFTER AIRPLANE DIVE



GWENDOLYN CASWELL, MUTE.

Gwendolyn Caswell, pretty twenty-two-year-old Chicago girl, dumb
since she was a child, was taken in an airplane to the height of a mile
above the Chicago Aero Club's field, when the pilot shot his machine
straight for the earth in a nose dive, with motor running. When she
reached the earth, it was found she could talk again. "The motor makes
lots of noise," were her first words. At ten feet, she could hear dis-
tinctly, though she had never heard before. There were tears in her
eyes as she thanked the pilot, Durt C. Hurley.

To Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Rogers of
Bighill a boy on December 6.
To Walter Polk and wife (col.) of
Bighill a girl on December 3.
To Bennie Williams and wife (col.)
of near Otto a boy on October 18.

Percy Jones, who has been con-
nected with the Daily News me-
chanical department for some time,
has resigned to accept a position in
Slaton, near Lubbock, and he and
Mrs. Jones left Friday morning for
their new home, accompanied by the
best wishes of their many friends
here and at Tague, Mrs. Jones' old
home.

Miss Gail Gibbons of the Pure Oil
Company's offices in Ft. Worth this
week-end, where she is under a
specialist on account of eye trouble.
Quite a number here have been wor-
ried with the same trouble of late.
Her many friends hope for early re-
turn.

Miss Zora Boyd, stenographer for
the Daily News, left Friday for En-
terprise, Miss., to spend the holidays
with her parents, and will return
here early in January. She is a
niece of W. K. Boyd president of the
News Publishing Company.

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DEATHS

The following deaths in Limestone
County have been recorded in the
County Clerk's office during the
week ending December 16:
Riley A. Tatum, aged 25 years,
died at Mexico, March 19, 1922.
Cora Vault, col., aged 31 years,
died near Mexico, November 22, 1924.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The following marriage licenses
have been issued by County Clerk
J. L. Day since our last report sev-
eral weeks ago.

Lee Brown and Almata Williams.
Geo. Brantley and Lena Hanson.
Clyde Gardner and Winnie Nichols.
R. J. Perry and Ruth Hunt.

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R. S. Sparks and Geneva Houston.
Ed Kelly and Beatrice Newton.
Albert Medlock and Lottie Pink-
ard.
B. N. Davis and Hallie Howell.
Alvie Heflin and Minnie Rasco.
J. A. Magress and Jewel Brewer.
Nelson Thomas and Winnie Lewis.
Fred Strain and Mary Emerson.
Hosea Alexander and Margaret
Mathis.
W. B. Cox and Lena Webb.
W. E. Dezell and Maude Echols
Spruell.
Tom Furlow and Beulah Durham.
J. H. Wells and Eula Leverett.
C. E. Sugart and Vera Burleson.
Cleburn Brichard and Artie Wil-
liams.
J. D. Williams and Mary Bass.
Will Edwards and Flora Mathis.
R. E. Pippin and Ila Speer.
J. A. Gilbert and Mrs. Anna Belle
Gilbert.
Dick Willet and Mary Meador.
Douglas Matthews and Bessie Far-
mer.
Jesse Watson and Allie DeBord.
Dillard Jones and Jimmie Carroll.
Jesse King and Della Fisher.
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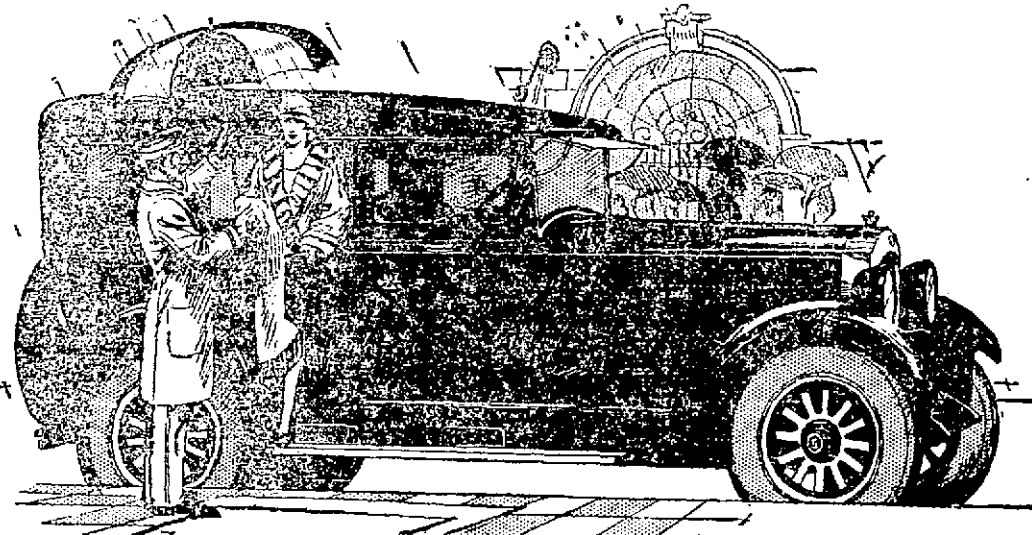
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WORTHAM, Dec. 20.—No big development in Texas would be complete without a Bass well. From Spindletop through Burkburnett, Breckenridge, Mexia and Powell, the name of Bass has been attached to some of the largest wells and the best production. Wortham, the latest addition to the prolific producing areas of the United States, is proving no exception with Mr. T. H. Bass. He is in between the Boyd-Simmons and Penn-McCorkle wells with no less than 5 choice locations in the midst of a forest of derricks.

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There was an Indian club drill by the advanced class which was almost perfect, the twenty girls composing the team moving almost like machinery, never a bobble. And the calisthenic exercises by the same class was equally as perfect.

Mimetics, by the beginners class

was another feature, and this class will soon be in the expert grade.

Natural Gymnastics, consisting of tumbling and pyramid forming would have done credit to professional troupe of performers, and was loudly applauded.

The piano and violin number by Opal Hale and Lola Cochran was a good, while the reading by Frances Chatham was just as her numbers always are, splendid.

A dancing number by several girls was a feature of the program.

The Doll Shop act in which the girls were dressed to represent Dutch dolls, wooden soldiers, French doll, Chinese doll, music box baby, jumping jack and jingle bells, and a baby, was the finale, and was well played throughout.

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Highway Legislation To Be Mapped Out At Meeting In Austin Early In 1925

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 20.—Directors of the Texas Highway Association are to meet in Austin early in January to map out a program of highway legislation, according to W. E. Lea of Orange, president of the association.

Exact date for the meeting has not been set as yet, Lea said, but it will be before January 15.

Several measures involving construction, maintenance and use of public highways are to be considered by the directors, and passage of those favored will be sought in the Thirty-Ninth Legislature, which will convene January 15.

Some difficulty will be encountered in the drafting of a set of bills, officials of the association say, by the delay of the Supreme Court in rendering its decision in the contest started by Limestone County authorities on House Bill No. 361, passed by the last session of the Legislature. This suit effects the constitutionality of the present automobile tax, and the authority given the State Highway Commission to maintain the designated public roads.

A decision by the court in favor of Limestone County, officials of the association declare, will necessitate the adoption of a constitutional amendment before Texas can comply with the requirements of the Federal Government to obtain Federal aid in the construction of highways.

Regardless of the ultimate outcome of this suit, however, the association has decided to press for additional laws designed to preserve, extend and make more safe the highways of the State. Among the measures to be considered are the following:

A law making service cars, motor busses and trucks common carriers placing them under control and subject to regulation in somewhat the same manner as railroads and pipe lines.

A law designed to eliminate glaring headlights from vehicles using the highways.

A law providing for jail sentences for conviction of violation of the highway laws.

Regarding the common carrier measure, it is the view of officers of the highway association that freight trucks are filling a long-felt want, that they are a public necessity and convenience, that they are here to stay and that legitimate

truckers want and are entitled to the protection of such a law.

The chief advantage of motor truck transportation, as pointed out by W. T. Wheeler, secretary of the association, are:

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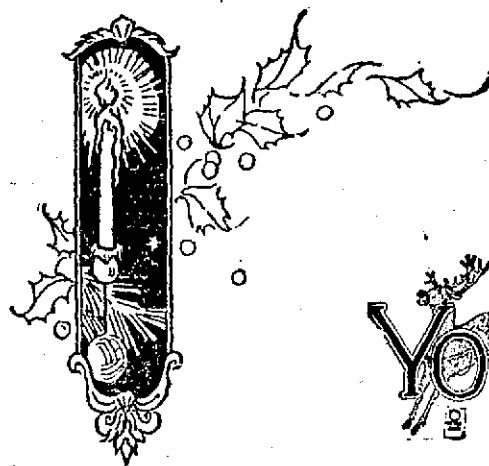
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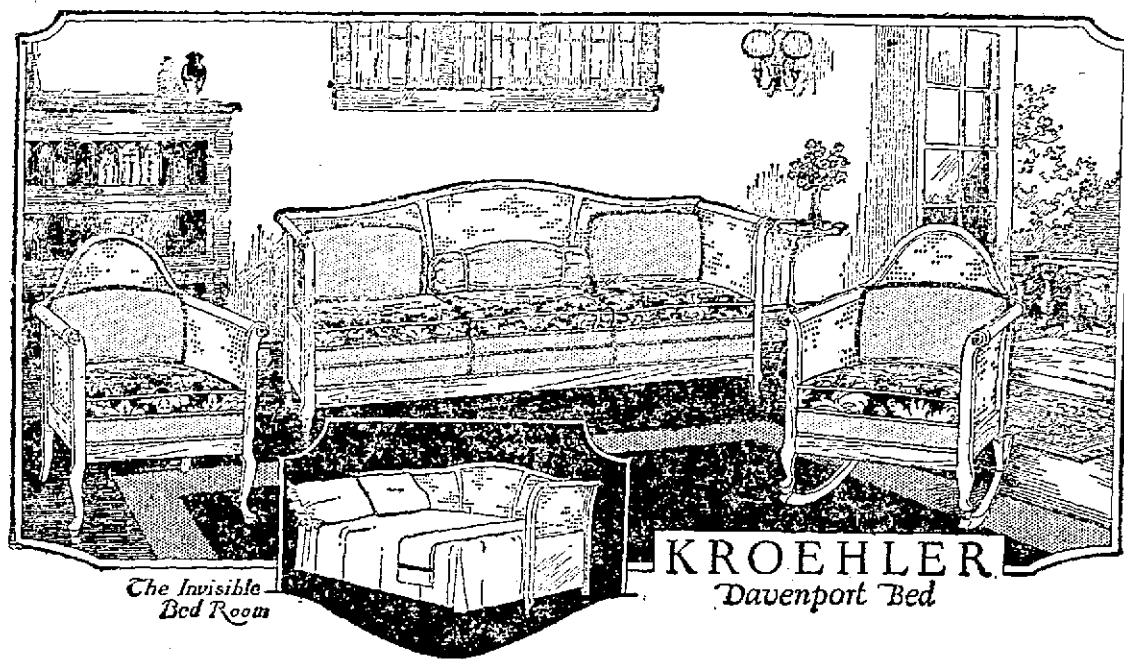


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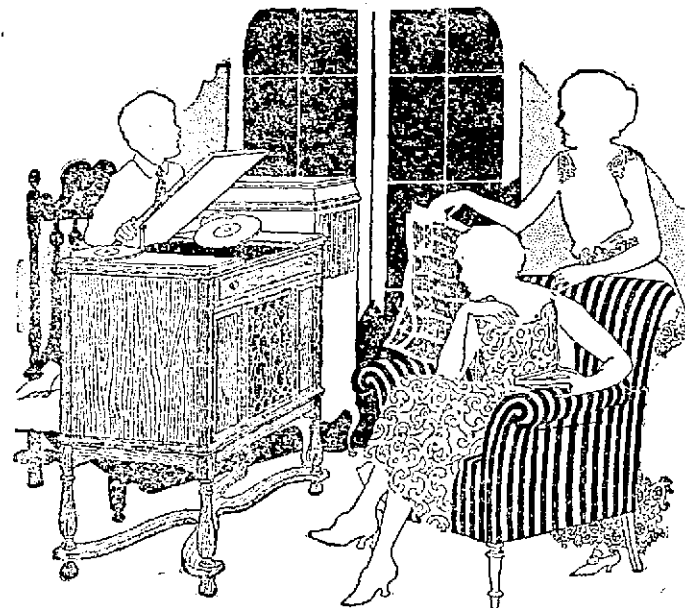
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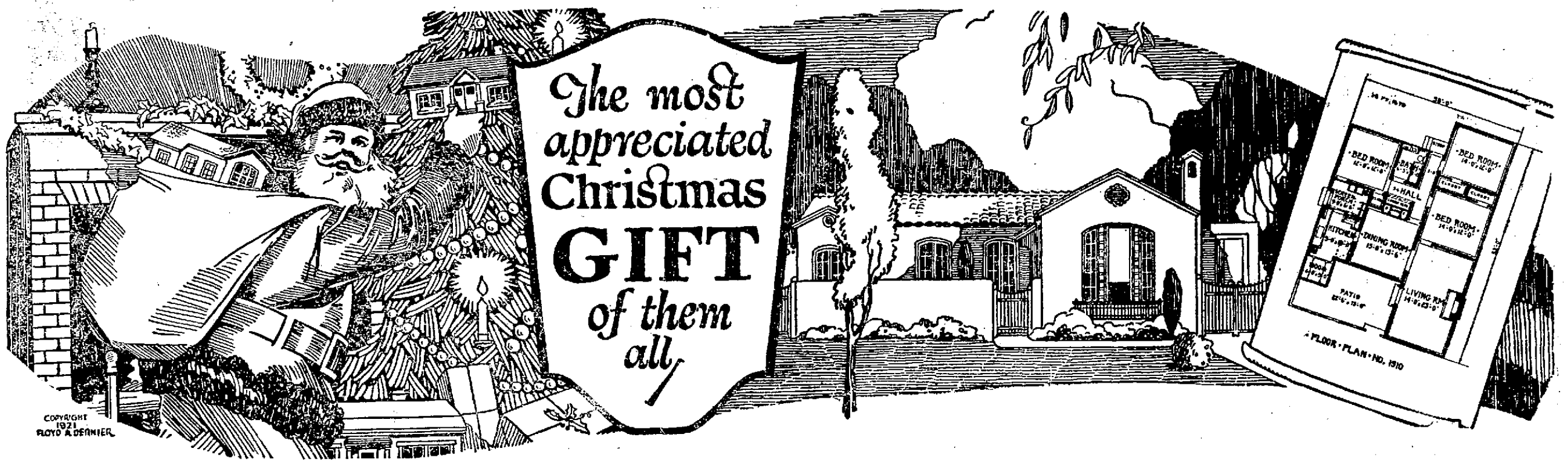
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Instruction To Be Given In Printing Arts By Typo Men

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 20.—Inauguration of a new correspondence course in the printing arts, under direction of a newly organized bureau of education of the International Typographical Union, will take place January 1, according to an announcement by James M. Lynch, president of the union.

The instruction will cover a wider field than was covered by the course until recently conducted from the union's educational quarters in New York City. The new bureau occupies quarters in the international offices here. John H. Chambers of Dayton, O., is the new director of the educational bureau, the teaching staff of which has been enlarged.

Energy and resources of the union will be devoted to extending work of the educational bureau as rapidly as is practical, Mr. Lynch said.

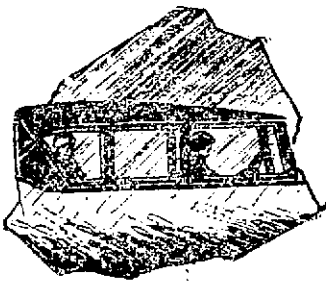
"The newly installed executive council looks upon apprentice training as of vital importance," said Mr. Lynch. "The I. T. U. protective and beneficial institutions, such as the Union Printers Home at Colorado Springs, Colo., mortuary benefit and old age pension, have accomplished much in strengthening the organization, but future welfare of the union requires elevation of craftsmanship and sound education of succeeding generations of printers.

"Employers do not object to paying good wages to good printers, but they will complain against good wages for incompetent men. The same applies in any other trade. It is our ambition to light the way for other trades in this problem of education."

Under by laws of the Typographical Union passage of the course in printing by apprentices is compulsory. They are required to begin their educational work in the third year of their six-year apprenticeship and the work must be completed before they are admitted to membership. The new bureau will provide adequate methods for checking up the progress of each apprentice in his studies and for determining if he has profited by his studies.

In addition to the merely technical operations of the printing craft, the course will carry instruction in English, punctuation, art in its relation to printing, and in advertising composition. The policy of permitting the student to elect subjects, not included in fundamental course,

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will be pursued.

"Instructors will endeavor to engage the interest of each student by

offering individual attention to his needs and by writing personal letters," said Mr. Chambers. "Whenever possible, too, a 'big brother,' for the apprentice will be selected from the printers in the shop where the lad is employed. The 'big brother' will be in correspondence with the bureau and will be advised of the student's progress and of his difficulties from time to time.

"Apprenticeship committees are maintained by local unions and are charged with responsibility for welfare of apprentices. These committees will be provided with all information needed for encouraging progress in studies, and will be expected to see that each apprentice begins the course at the proper time and that he completes it satisfactorily before his admission to the rank of journeyman. While the course is designed for beginners, educational

work will be provided also for journeymen, who wish to perfect themselves in advanced phases of the printing art."

Test questions for use in examination of apprentices by local committees will be supplied by the bureau here.

Eastern Star Monday Night

Monday night at 7:30 Mexia Chapter No. 57, Eastern Star will hold its last meeting for this year, at which time a class will be initiated and there will also be other interesting features. All officers and members, and candidates are urged to be present on time. Visitors are always welcome. Let us make this an enjoyable meeting.

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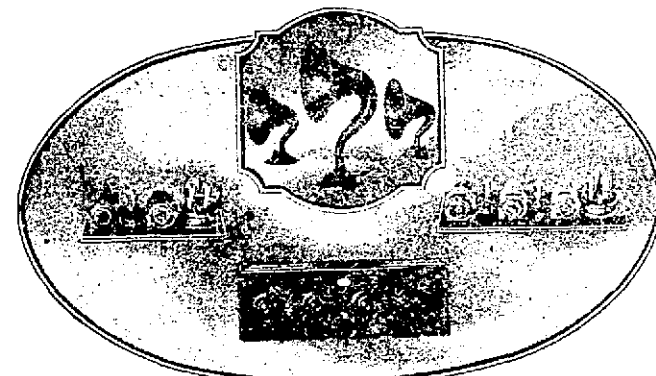
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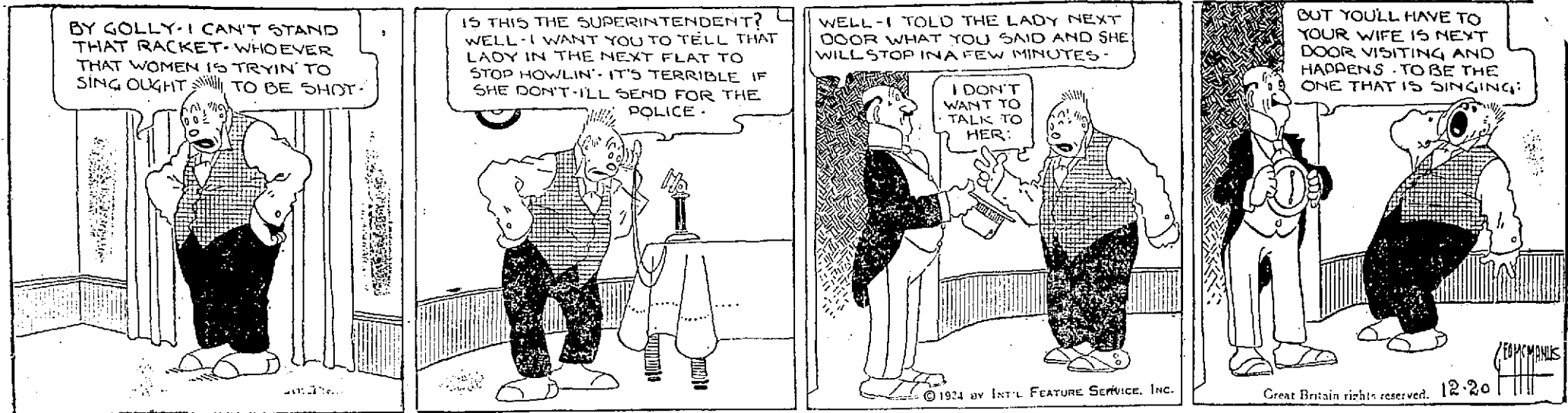
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By George McManus

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STRAYED—Black and bay horses, about 1300 pounds, notify Black-Siv- and Bryson, phone 45. 21X3

LOST—Philadelphia level rod, finder please notify R. E. BASSETT, Simmons Oil Co. 19X2

LOST—Leather folder containing \$17 in currency and papers belonging to R. M. Monerick. Reward for return to R. M. Monerick, 505 E. Milam or new office. 19X2

LOST—Somewhere in the city, suitcase containing ladies and baby's clothes black imitation leather, reward, G. G. TABOR, Dedson Machine Shop. Phone 9034. 18X3

LOST, Strayed or stolen, 1 sorrel mule with dark mane about 15½ or 16 hands high, 1 sorrel mule about 15 hands high, red or roan mane (both horse mules) were necked together when last seen, largest mule has small brand on left jaw. Reward for return of same to F. R. KLOTZ, Mexia, Texas. 17X7

For Sale Miscellaneous

FOR SALE—16x50 cot tent with 21 steel cots all set up and everything furnished, all ready for business, or it can be easily moved, see at Young rooms, 207 S. Red River St. or phone 667W. 14X7

FOR SALE—100 shares E. L. Smith Oil Stock at \$1.35, I need some Xmas money. Blake Crider, phone 1. 21X1

The January issues of The American Magazine, Woman's Home Companion, Hearst's International, Good Housekeeping, True Romances, now on sale, Pioneer News Stand. 20X1

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FOR SALE—1 span of black horse mules weighing eleven hundred pounds a piece ages 7 and 8 years, see H. A. Harris, 410 East Carthage St., phone 85. 15X6

For Rent Rooms

YOUNG ROOMS—Beds 50c in tent house, for respectable men only, clean safe and quiet, electric light and gas, 207 Red River, 5 blocks east of City Hall, Main and Red River, next to corner. 18X7

FOR RENT—One front bed room, adjoining bath; private entrance, new house, modern conveniences for 2 or 3 men. \$12 East Carthage, Phone 656J. 18-4

FOR RENT—Nice Southeast bed room to gentlemen only. Phone 670 or see R. L. Maddox. 18-2

FOR RENT—Unfurnished house-keeping rooms, two furnished bed rooms. 608 S. Ross Ave, phone 14W 17X3

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FOR RENT—Garage apartment, all conveniences, on paved street, see T. E. Day at Day's Variety Store. 19X2

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WANTED—One small second hand cash register; must be priced right. See U. H. Morgan at News office.

WANTED—White laborers, our trucks leave H. & T. C. depot 7 a. m. each morning. Kluever-Moreland Contractors. 19X3

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FOR SALE—Two 10 barrel fuel tanks, complete on frame. See W. M. Dornier, at 1 mile south of Oil Center. 18-14

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FOR SALE—5 room house on South Sherman close in, part cash, balance terms to suit buyer, call 171 or 609J. 14X7

FOR SALE—Residence lots, lights water, gas and sewer. Close to pavements, easy term. It will pay to investigate this offer. CARL DAVIS, phone 399. R-31-30

\$5500.00 buys the Gates Apartment house furnished, 75 ft. lot, paved, 834, E. Commerce St., easy terms, 19 apartments all full, see Mrs. Clara Berry at Apt., or at Wortham Hotel. 17X3

FOR SALE—5 room house with screened in porch, all modern conveniences, large lot and 4 stall garage, see property at 500 East Bowie Street. 18-5

Crude Prices

(These quotations are based on price paid by purchasing companies in Dallas, revised daily.)

Midcontinent.	
Below 30 gravity	\$.75
30 to 32.9 gravity	.90
33 to 35.9 gravity	1.10
36 and above	1.25
North Central Texas.	
Corsicana, light (Powell)	1.25
Corsicana, heavy	.90
Mexia	1.25
Currie	1.25
Thrall	1.00
Ranger.	
30 and below	.90
30 to 32.9 gravity	1.10
33 to 35.9 gravity	1.25
36 and above	1.35
Wichita and Archer Counties	
30 and below	.75
30 to 32.9 gravity	.90
33 to 35.9 gravity	1.10
36 and above	1.25
Moran Crude.	
30 and below	.75
33 to 35.9 gravity	1.10
South Texas	
Mirando (Texpata)	.90
Mirando (Magnolia)	.75
Somerset.	
25 gravity and above	.95
Below 25 gravity	.85
Gulf Coast.	
Grade A	1.50
Grade A at Blue Ridge, Bull and Pierce Junction	1.25
Luling.	
All gravities	.90
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Made Booze To Get School Money

[By United Press]
HOUSTON, Dec. 20.—John Staha, Jr., Hallettsville, had to make hooch in order to get \$300 to complete his college education, he told Federal Judge Hutcheson before whom he was arraigned for making 800 gallons of liquor.

He couldn't get the money any other way he said, but—questioning by the judge brought forth the facts that Staha's father gave him \$100 with which to buy the materials to make the booze; gave him \$35 with

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CHARITY CASES
DEMAND A FULL
COMMUNITY
CHEST

By W. B. LANDRUM.

The Community Chest fund has not yet reached the amount fixed as necessary to care for the needs of Mexia for the coming year. Just at the time the committees were appointed to canvass the town for this money, oil was discovered at Wortham and every one was so busy some neglected to work their territory as they should, and some firms and many individuals were not solicited at all. I know they will give willingly and freely if their attention is called to the need of raising this money. Don't wait for some member of a committee who is busier than you are to call on you, but see Rev. Aubrey who is Chairman of all committees, or Mr. Carter at the City National Bank who is treasurer and give them any amount you desire.

Since the boom is here Mexia will need more money than was originally estimated to care for the charity cases. While many of us are profiting some by the boom let us not forget those who are less fortunate. All of us may not have oil wells, but we are profiting in the fact that oil was discovered near us. God made the oil and God made the people. He may not have made the people poor, but He made the poor people, and sent His only son because of his love for all people. As we commemorate the birthday of His son let us show the real Christmas spirit and donate liberally to the Community Chest fund, also the boiling pots on the corners so that all may be happy on Christmas day.

Mrs. M. Adam and daughter, Annette, and son Maurice, will arrive in Mexia Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corley. Mrs. Adam and children have just returned from a trip in Europe where they were visiting the relatives of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Parker will return to Mexia at noon Sunday accompanied by their daughter, Miss Dorothy, who has been in school at Ward-Belmont at Nashville, and Reuben, Jr. who has been attending the Terrill School in Dallas.

A. W. Anderson spent the past week in Groesbeck serving on the jury.

Holiday Bridge Party At Home
Of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Simmonds

One of the most charmingly appointed affairs of the holiday season was given Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Simmonds on Ross avenue, when Misses Alice Simmonds, Annie Crinshaw, Shelly Harper and Corin Watson entertained with ten tables of bridge.

The living room and dining room were beautifully decorated in holly, mistletoe and cut flowers. The Christmas motif was further carried out in the table arrangements, where covers, score pads, tallies and table favors were in the holiday colors, red and white. A miniature Christmas tree occupied the center of each table, which was later cut for.

After five games of bridge supper was served to about fifty guests. Beautiful prizes were awarded to Miss Lelia Conrad, Mr. Wallace Mason and Miss Mavis Ward.

The out of town guests included Miss Simmonds mother, Mrs. J. M. Simmonds of Temple, Miss Margaret Simmonds of Temple, Mrs. Chas. Orgain, Miss Marilyn Orgain. Mr. W. E. Lafon of Taylor and Mrs. Chas. Randall of Fort Worth.

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R. L. Maddox, proprietor of the American Dry Cleaners, states that in order to take care of his increasing business he has installed an underground system and a continuous flow system which keeps the garments in a continuous flow of clean fluid at all times during the cleaning process. The underground system does away with fire hazards and makes a lower insurance rate.

R. L. Maddox was the first to open a dry cleaning plant in Mexia.

TEXAS STUDENTS TO BE
HOME AFTER DECEMBER 22

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—Students of the University of Texas are now taking final examinations for the fall term. The examinations will end on December 22, and the Christmas recess will begin on December 23. Classes will be resumed for the winter term on January 3.

Fall term grades will be mailed to the students on December 25. Last year 368 students failed to pass enough courses to remain in school, and were dropped from the University rolls. Of that number, 209 made application for readmission, and 105 were reinstated. There were 24 students who found that some error had been made in reporting their grades, and four students were passed over because of postponed examinations.

A large number of students made no effort whatever to be reinstated in the University, and approximately 64 were refused admission because of especially bad records.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Edward H. Hudson, Pastor.

Sunday, Dec. 21, 11 a. m.

Doxology.
Invocation.
Hymn.
Scripture: Luke 2
Prayer.
Hymn.
Offering.
Music.
Sermon: "The Savior of All."
Hymn.
Benediction.

"God's Christmas List" will be the subject of the evening sermon at seven o'clock.

"Christmas In Poetry and Song" will be the C. E. Topic at six o'clock this evening.

Christmas Tree for the Sunday School, Wednesday evening at seven at seven o'clock.

Dr. J. P. Kidd and singer have been engaged for the last two weeks

in March.

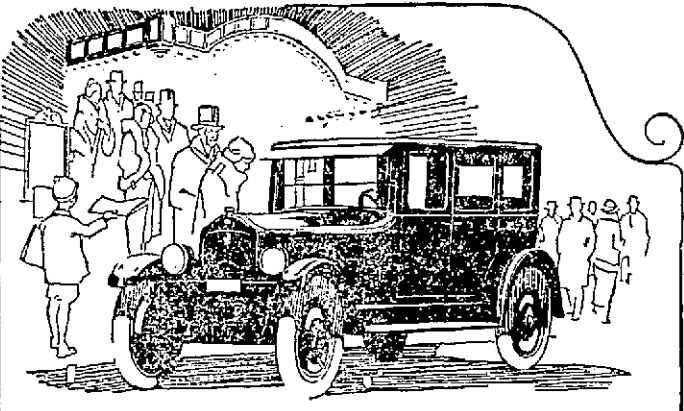
Mrs. W. W. Barnett entertained her class at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

News Classified Ads get results.

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The Mexia Public Schools closed Friday afternoon for the holidays and will not open again until Monday, January 5, thus giving two full weeks for pupils and teachers to rest and visit the home folks.

Gibson Hagood was a visitor from Waxahachie Saturday.



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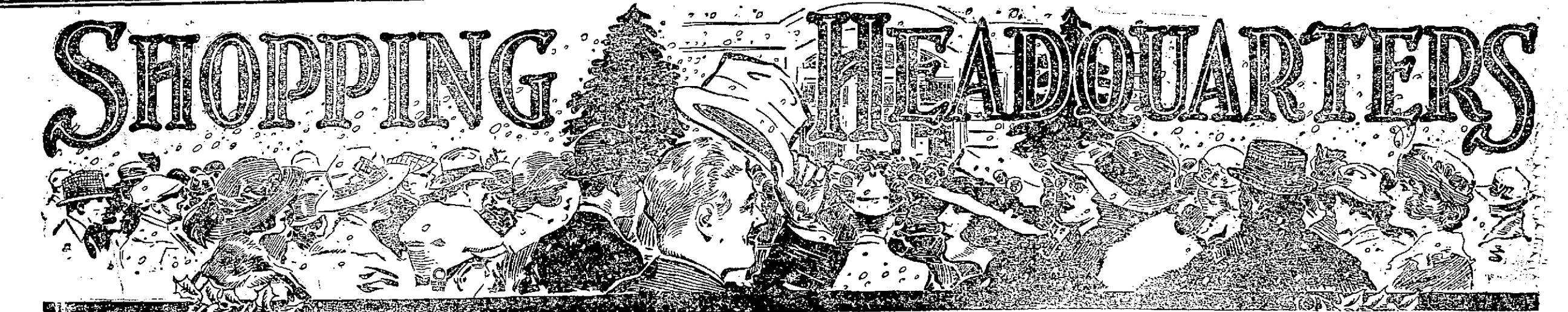
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- Linen Lunch Sets, plain white and colored—\$2.95 to \$10.00
- Boudoir Caps75c to \$5.00
- Silk Petticoats\$2.295 to \$10.00
- Pettibockers and Bloomers\$2.95 to \$10.95
- Silk Gowns\$5.00 to \$15.00
- Silk Teddies\$2.95 to \$10.00
- N negligees\$10.00 to \$19.50
- Corduroy Bath Robes\$3.45 to \$10.00
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- Kid Gloves\$2.95 to \$6.45
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- Table Linen, yard\$1.50 to \$5.00
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In our "Gift Department" in the Center of our store we show hundreds of items put up in neat Christmas Packages which are very opportune for remembrances and at very nominal cost.

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- Auto Gloves\$3.50 to \$5.00
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- Phoenix Silk Sox\$1.00 to \$2.00
- Silk Underwear for Men\$5.00
- Wool Underwear for Men\$4.00 to \$7.50
- Leather Caps with Ear Warmers
- Leather Jackets\$12.50 to \$19.50
- Sheep Lined Coats\$12.50
- Leather Cigarette Cases\$2.00 to \$5.00
- Cordovan Leather Bill Folds\$3.50 to \$5.00
- Belts in Boxes50c to \$2.00
- Novelty Belt Sets\$2.75
- Soft Collar Bags\$3.45
- Handkerchiefs35c to \$1.95

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